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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Germany's Friedrich Merz on Monday | PTI

Trade talks back, India on Pax Silica: Gor

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

SIGNALLING an early effort to stabilise India-US ties that have come under strain amid tariff disputes and market jitters, Washington's new ambassador to New Delhi, Sergio Gor, on Monday said the two sides will take up the outstanding trade issues during a call on Tuesday.

In a parallel strategic move, Gor said India will be invited next month to join US-led Pax Silica initiative to secure silicon and critical tech supply chain.

Speaking on his first day in office, Gor sought to portray current frictions as manageable within a mature partnership. "Real friends can disagree, but always resolve their differences in the end," he said.

Sergio Gor during a press meet at the US Embassy in New Delhi on Monday | PTI

What is Pax Silica and why is India joining now?

Pax Silica is a US-led economic security partnership to protect critical technology supply chains, including AI, semiconductors, minerals, etc. Members include UK, Israel, Japan, and Australia. After a month on the sidelines, India is now set to join, a move widely seen as a diplomatic warm-up

Stressing that talks remain active, Gor said: "The next call on trade will occur tomorrow." He did not elaborate on the level at which the discussions would take place but noted: "India is the world's largest nation, so it's not an easy task to get this across the finish line, but we are determined to get there."

Gor also linked trade to a broader recalibration of US diplomacy. Citing Secretary of State Marco Rubio, he said 2026 would be "a year of reciprocity," defined by "fair trade, mutual respect, and shared security." He stressed that while commerce is a key pillar of the relationship, cooperation would continue across security, counter-terrorism, energy, technology, education and health.

Modi, Merz agree to upgrade bilateral strategic relations

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

IN a big push amid rising global protectionism, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz on Monday was optimistic of sealing a landmark EU-India free trade agreement by January-end, with top EU leaders likely visiting New Delhi to sign it, following wide-ranging talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Ahmedabad.

Welcoming Merz in Ahmedabad, PM Modi framed the visit as historic, coming at a time when India and Germany have completed 25 years of strategic partnership and are commemorating 75 years of diplomatic relations.

The talks, accompanied by a delegation of 23 German CEOs, resulted in the signing of 19 MoUs and several announcements across defence, trade, critical minerals and semiconductors. Both sides noted that bilateral trade in goods and services crossed $50 billion in 2024, amounting to over 25% of India's trade with EU.

They signed joint declarations of intent on boosting bilateral defence industrial ties.

> Our growing trade and investment ties have infused new energy into India and Germany's relationship
>
> Narendra Modi

Modi and Merz etched a bilateral dialogue mechanism for the Indo-Pacific, besides the establishment of Track 1.5 Foreign Policy and Security Dialogue. Germany also announced visa free transit for Indians.

Further, they signed an offtake agreement for green ammonia between AM Green (India) and Uniper Global (Germany). Germany committed 1.24 billion euros for renewable energy projects.

INDIA, GERMANY INTENT ON DEFENCE TIES: P11

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SC directs govt to hold GBA polls by June 30

AGENCIES

THE Supreme Court on Monday asked the Karnataka government and the State Election Commission (SEC) to hold the long-pending polls to the five city corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) by June 30.

Fixing the schedule for the poll process, a bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice JK Maheshwari said the final wardwise reservation list shall be published by the state government by February 20 and made it clear that no further extension shall be granted.

The order was passed on a plea by the Karnataka government, which was challenging the Karnataka High Court's order of December 2020, directing SEC to hold the local body elections expeditiously after finalising the electoral rolls. The SC is monitoring the compliance of its earlier orders. P2

EXPRESS READ

Traffic violations to attract FIRs

Bengaluru: The traffic police have begun registering FIRs against vehicle owners for violations like jumping traffic signals, driving against one-way traffic and parking on busy roads | P5

BMIC project should be discarded: K'taka HC

Bengaluru: The Karnataka HC directed the state to consider discarding the Bangalore Mysore Infrastructure Corridor (BMIC) project as it has remained on paper over the last 30 years | P6

TN stampede: CBI grills Vijay for 6 hours

New Delhi: TVK chief and actor Vijay was questioned for nearly six hours by the Central Bureau of Investigation here on Monday in connection with the Karur stampede case | P7

PSLV's third-stage fails for second time in a row

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE most-awaited first commercial satellite launch of 2026 by the Indian Space Research organisation (ISRO) -- the PSLV-C62 carrying EOS-N1 and 15 other satellites -- failed to reach its designated orbit on Monday.

The rocket deviated from its designated path towards the end of the third stage separation. The satellite earlier took off from the first launch pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota on Monday. Though it was cloudy and there was a light drizzle, it did not impact the launch at 10.18 am.

Until the third stage separation of the rocket, there was loud cheering, as if to negate the bad memories of the failure of the PSLV-C61 mission on May 18, 2025. Then, the mission had failed during the third stage separation when there was a drop in the chamber pressure during firing of the engine. CONTINUED ON: P7

PSLV-C62 lifts off on Monday | PTI

New labour codes eat into IT profits

Even as AI-driven deals lifted revenues for India's top IT firms in the December quarter, new labour codes weighed heavily on profits

- The country's largest IT services company, TCS, reported a **13.91% decline** in December quarter net profit to **₹10,657 cr,** down from **₹12,380 cr** in the year-ago period
- HCLTech's net profit fell **11.2% to ₹4,076 cr** from **₹4,591 cr**

₹2,128 crore

is the amount TCS set aside to meet requirements under the new labour codes, which increase in payroll costs by mandating a 50% basic wage, higher employer contributions to PF and gratuity and overtime pay for extended working hours | P15

FOCUS ON PLAYERS

IN SPORTS MINISTRY'S RULE NOTIFICATION

Outstanding sportspersons with Olympic credentials to get Indian Olympic Association spot as new rules kick in | P17

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- **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
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Sunset 06.11 pm
Moonrise 02.02 am
Moonset 13.40 pm

BJP: GOVT RELEASED 'UNSCIENTIFIC' QUOTA LIST FOR GBA TO DELAY POLLS

Opposition leaders welcome the June 30 SC deadline for the polls

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE BJP, welcoming the Supreme Court directive on holding polls to five corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) by June 30, said it is a loss of face to the Congress-led state government for deliberately delaying the elections on different pretexts.

They are, however, still not hopeful of timely elections as they complain that the Other Backward Class (OBC) (A) and OBC (B) reservations were done in an unscientific manner to knock out eligible and winnable BJP leaders in Bengaluru.

Questioning the recent draft ward reservation, Jayanagar BJP MLA CK Ramamurthy, who was also a corporator, said, "Many will approach the court, and this situation will help the Congress to delay the polls further."

He added that the government has used the reservation exercise to selectively target the BJP, beginning with Leader of Opposition R Ashoka's Padmanabhanagar assembly constituency's Yediyur ward. It is considered as the home ground for BJP leader NR Ramesh and the ward is now reserved for OBC (B) (women), where neither Ramesh nor his wife is eligible.

Similarly, Jayanagar constituency's Shakhambari Nagar ward is now reserved for OBC 'B'. "Former BJP Corporator Somashekhar is popular in the ward for his works and is sure to win. However, he is not eligible to contest due to the recent reservation", Ramamurthy explained.

"The government was aware that soon after the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation elections, it would be under attack from the court for delaying local body elections in Bengaluru and hence released the ward-wise reservation list targeting only BJP MLAs' assembly constituencies. The list is prepared in such a way that our leaders will be deprived of contesting, let alone fighting and winning," said Ramamurthy.

Irked by the list, NR Ramesh said that in the first place, Padmanabhanagar assembly was split between two corporations-- Bengaluru South and Bengaluru West corporations.

"Now my Yediyur ward, which has 9,000 Brahmins and 7,000 OBC 'A', is reserved for OBC 'B' (women). This ward was a sure shot for the BJP, and my entry into the council will create a headache for the ruling Congress. They have attempted to prevent me from contesting. However, these unscientific lists will be challenged, and over 20 corporators, including Congress aspirants, will go to court," said Ramesh.

He was also skeptical whether the government can mobilise required human resources and infrastructure for all the five corporations before elections.

Small political parties pin hopes on SC directive

AKNISREE KARTHIK @Bengaluru

AFTER prolonging the elections to the local body in the state capital for more than five years, citing multiple reasons, smaller political parties doubt if the elections will be held before June 30 as per the Supreme Court order. It was in August 2015, Bengalureans exercised their franchise and elected their corporators for the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) with 198 wards, which is now transformed into Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) with 369 wards, spread across five city corporations.

According to the timeline shared by the State Election Commission to the SC, the final notification of the ward reservations will be out by February 20. Then the commission will take up works related to the survey of voters, shifting them among the wards as per the delimitation and other works. After completing all these works, the commission will publish the final voters' list on March 16, and the polls are planned for May, said a source privy to the development. He said that by all chances, elections, if not for any hurdles, will be held by mid-June.

AAP chairman, Bengaluru East, Ashok Mruthyunjaya said that there are multiple hurdles to the GBA elections. "There is an ongoing case in the High Court of Karnataka, questioning the very formation of GBA, citing that it is unconstitutional, going against the 74th Amendment. The order is due for hearing in March and it will have a direct impact on holding elections. Also, the already published draft reservation to the 369 wards, government has not followed the 'triple test criteria' (three tasks for finalisation of reservation to OBCs in the local bodies) and caste federations are gearing up to drag the government to the court."

Mruthyunjaya alleged that just to keep on postponing the elections, it would not be a wonder if any of the Congress political party leaders themselves go to court against the government's reservation.

Srikanth Narasimhan, founder and general secretary of Bengaluru Navanirmana Party (BNP), which is one of the petitioners in the SC case on the elections, said that the party hopes that the court will be able to hold the government and State Election Commission accountable to at least this deadline. "The government has not shown any inclination in the last five years to conduct the election, and it is now up to the court to ensure compliance."

'Ward-wise reservations under way, will be done in a month'

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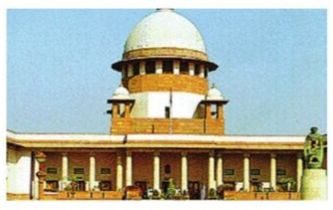
DURING the hearing, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for the Karnataka government, submitted that the exercise of finalising and notifying ward-wise reservations is under way and will be done within a month.

The bench took the statement on record and fixed February 20 as the final deadline for publication of reservations.

Senior advocate KN Phanindra, appearing for SEC, told the court that the date for publication of the final voter list was fixed as March 16, keeping in mind the fixture of board and college examinations. He submitted that educational institutions will be used as polling stations and teachers will be deployed for election duties.

Phanindra added that board examinations are likely to conclude by May-end and the polls to the local bodies can be held thereafter. The bench ordered, "The elections in all circumstances shall be concluded before June 30, 2026."



In its December 2020 judgment, the high court upheld the constitutional validity of the Karnataka Municipal Corporation Third Amendment Act, 2020, which increased the number of BBMP wards.

The high court had, however, "read down" the amendment, holding that it would not apply to elections that ought to have been held under Article 243 of the Constitution before the amendment came into effect.

On December 18, 2020, the top court stayed the high court order, and in 2022, it asked the state government to complete the process of delimitation of wards for BBMP and to notify the same within eight weeks.

The Karnataka government earlier notified reservations for 369 wards across five newly carved municipal corporations in GBA. Unlike the previous civic body polls, which were held for 198 wards, the next elections will be held for 369 wards across five corporations, an increase of 171. The tenure of the earlier elected body for Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) expired on September 10, 2020, and since then a government-appointed administrator was taking care of its day-to-day affairs.

EXPRESS READ

HC issues notice to state on PIL seeking land for new court building

The Karnataka High Court on Monday issued notice to the Chief Secretary on a public interest litigation filed for directions to the state government for allotment of 30 or more acres of land in Central Bengaluru for the construction of a new High Court Building Complex. A division bench of Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha passed the order after hearing the petition filed by social activist Sharan M Desai from the city. The petition sought to remind the state government about the construction of the proposed annexe building of the high court. According to the petitioner, a proposal for the construction of a total of 4,924 sq mtrs, including two basements and seven floors to accommodate the needs of judicial officers as well as advocates are facing difficulties. The PIL seeks issuing of directions to the state to consider granting 30 acres in Central Bengaluru and sanction of necessary funds for completion of the proposed building. **ENS**

People participate in a rangoli competition organsied by the Bangalore Trades Association for the upcoming Sankranti festival in the city on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Flower arrangements and environment-themed installations being readied for the 219th Republic Day Flower Show at Lalbagh in Bengaluru on Monday | KEVIN NASHON

R-Day flower show to shed light on life & works of Tejaswi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Lalbagh authorities are all set for the Republic Day Flower Show themed around writer and thinker Poornachandra Tejaswi, titled 'Tejaswi Vismaya' where the government will shed light on his life and literary works featuring 35 lakh flowers, including nine lakh cut flowers for the replica of his Mudigere home 'Niruttara', his scooter, portraits, books, theaters and others as part of the celebration.

The Lalbagh Botanical Garden authorities say, for the first time, theatre and debate will be held in association with the Department of Kannada and Culture.

According to M Jagadeesha, Joint Director of Lalbagh Botanical Garden, as part of Tejaswi Vismaya, the Bannerghatta Biological Park will present a 60×60 ft forest like setup and wildlife exhibition highlighting the relationship between forests, wildlife, and human life, reflecting Tejaswi's lifelong engagement with nature.

"This will be the 219th Flower Show, and the government dedicated the theme to eminent writer and thinker Tejaswi. The 13-day event will begin on January 14 and conclude on January 26, and we expect 12 lakh plus visitors," said Jagadeesha and added that Rs 3.10 crore has been spent for the show.

There will be a huge 25-foot-high mountain-like structure surrounded by dense forests, a waterfall model, and at its foot will be a floral model of Tejaswi's house, 'Niruttara'. In front of it, there will be 4-foot-high statues of Tejaswi-Rajeshwari (wife), Tejaswi's scooter and floral models of animals, birds and insects such as the character of Carvalho's novel Kiwi Dog, Tejaswi's beetle, snail and others. At the foot of the right side of the hill, there will be a floral model of the building of the K P Poornachandra Tejaswi Foundation, etc, he said.

As Tejaswi was proponent of organic farming, his 50 books and 150 insect samples will be on display. A major attraction is a large-scale exhibition of over 800 natural roots and fibres, curated by T N Nagaraju from Nandi Hills, along with displays of rare coins and stamps. Another immersive installation portrays the life and culture of the Soliga tribal community of the Biligirirangana Hills, featuring traditional huts, daily-use objects, medicinal plants, and cultural narratives.

The exhibition also includes a three-day display of modern military equipment by the DS Forces, demonstrations on equipment usage, and a vegetable-sculpted dinosaur installation designed especially to engage children.

Daily plays, discussions

From January 15 to 26, discussions on Tejaswi's famous plays, cinema and literature including 'Nanna Tejaswi', 'Carvalho', 'Jugari Cross', will be held on the lawn next to the shops in Lal Bagh every day from 5 pm to 7 pm. There will also be book display and sale counters.

Entry fee

Adults Rs. 80 on weekdays and Rs. 100 on weekends and holidays. Children under 12 years of age will pay Rs. 30 on all days. Tickets can also be booked online. Students up to class 10 who come wearing a school uniform will be allowed without any charges. Only for officials, the vehicles are allowed, and for the general public, parking is arranged at the Shanthinagar Bus Depot complex and Al-Ameen college.

Security arrangement

For safety and security, CCTV cameras have been installed and the community dogs in Lal Bagh have been vaccinated and five mini medical units have been set up for emergencies. Entry from 9 am and closing hours 7 pm daily.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

13th January : Neptunian Nostalgia It is said that there is no time like the present, but of course -- how could there be? The present is the only actionable moment. Even so, it is not the only moment we can live inside. Today's dreamy lunar trine to Neptune offers lovely swaths of the past like a soft blanket. Wrap it around your shoulders and you just might find a new and more empowering interpretation of what happened back there.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You're in charge of the crew today. The less you say, the more likely they are to listen and obey. And if you can get away with saying nothing except that which can be said with action, even better!

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Remember when you didn't want to express your thoughts and opinions because you honestly weren't having any? Some subjects just fail to capture your imagination, and that's good to know. There are hotter topics out there for you, so keep moving.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Everyone wants love, attention and credit for what they do. Some want the whole circus -- passion, applause and bragging rights -- whether they earned it or not. So, sprinkle your effort where it bounces back. Stop tossing it into black holes.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
You made a few habits without realizing what you were doing, and now every time you enact a certain behavior, a string of other (possibly unwanted) behaviors follows. The easiest way to break this pattern is to change environments entirely.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
You know it's love by what you're willing to pay for it. In addition to time, thought and energy, inconvenience and discomfort may be part of the price. And if that seems expensive and not quite worth it, that's good information, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
It's a classic scenario: the subject falls in love with the biographer, the patient projects romance onto the therapist, the model adores the photographer. You may notice a similar dynamic today. Few things are more seductive than genuine interest.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
There's something you enjoy simply for the sake of it, and it's calling you back. What would it take to get absorbed in this again? A change of venue? A guard against interruption? Do it. Pure enjoyment restores you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
However much attention you need, that's the amount of attention you need. It is, arguably, out of your control. So, there's no benefit from feeling ashamed or proud of the amount. But there's a lot of benefit to finding a way to fulfill the order.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Perhaps the way you look has little bearing on the outcome today, but the way you feel about the way you look has a definite impact. Taking time to put a little extra thought into presentation will make a big difference in your attitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Your work is developing in a remarkably layered, generous and meaningful way. Each step forward reveals new insights that enrich the whole and make the journey a pleasure in itself. It hasn't always gone like this, so you cherish the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Emotions are the fire that forges relationships. Too much heat and things can bend in ways you don't quite understand until it has all cooled off. You may return to a relationship as an armored person with wisdom in your arsenal.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
While having fewer possessions means more freedom, fewer relationships can be confining. Every friendship is a world. Your experience will be limited to the worlds open to you. Making new friends doesn't take a lot of time now, though it does take initiative.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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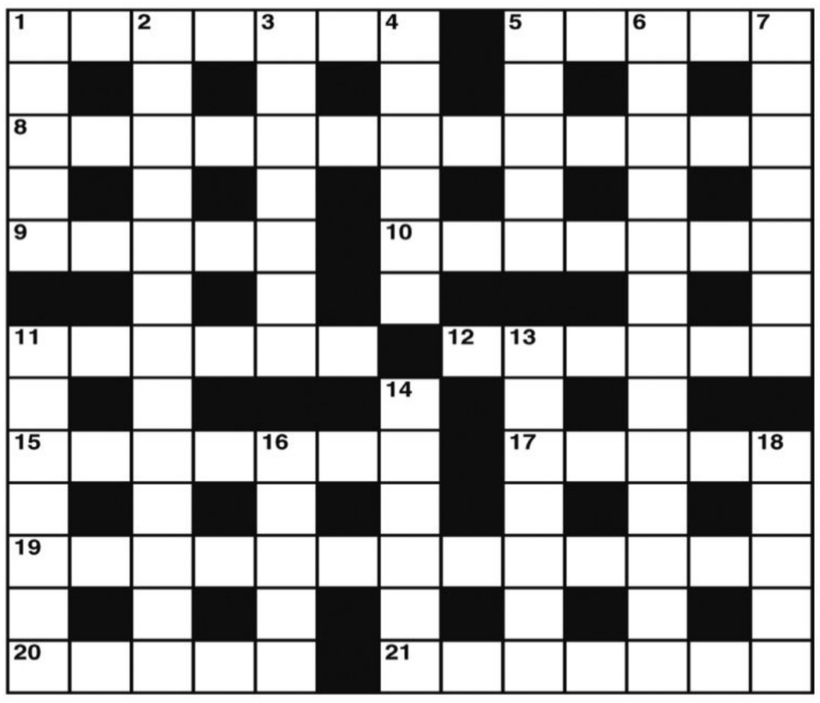

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Opposes publicity put in fronts of buildings (7)
5 He has a trying job (5)
8 Deigning to be gracious (13)
9 What one is not well out of? (5)
10 Scoring in many games but not tennis (7)
11 They go downhill fast in cold weather (6)
12 Teased - on account of scruffy appearance? (6)
15 We do turn out after all - it's not forbidden (7)
17 Axes and rifles (5)
19 The last job one aims for on a racecourse (9,4)
20 She has no right to leave scene of Hamlet (5)
21 Expert put to death by direction (7)

DOWN
1 Concentrate on the film (5)
2 Danny's car ails badly - he must go there by boat (6,7)
3 She puts on other people's clothes (7)
4 There's very little time to get support (6)
5 Girl making article in stone (5)
6 Where to find motorists on course? (7,6)
7 Committed to being betrothed (7)
11 Dishonest way to acquire a piece of riding gear (7)
13 A ship has, for example, first-rate missile (7)
14 Concedes there are about a thousand approaches (6)
16 A stew badly cooked has to be thrown away (5)
18 Located or spotted by ear (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Droop, 8 Operator, 9 Aster, 10 Educates, 11 Train, 12 Era, 16 Pigeon, 17 Starve, 18 Dip, 23 Adore, 24 Proposal, 25 Comet, 26 Eulogies, 27 Zebra.

Down: 2 Restrain, 3 One-sided, 4 Spider, 5 Erect, 6 State, 7 Crisp, 12 End, 13 Asp, 14 Handsome, 15 Overhear, 19 Images, 20 Spies, 21 Fools, 22 Doggo.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

YHREM

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RMKABE

Today's Guest JUMBLER is
JENNY CAMPBELL
creator of FLO & FRIENDS
ARE YOU OK?
I'M HUNGRY, BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT I CAN EAT.
11-18
WHEN HE LOST HIS DENTURES, HE COULD ONLY SNACK ON ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: _____ _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FLUSH MINCE WOBBLE CANDID
Answer: When the caveman, Alley Oop, gets hungry, he makes himself a — CLUB SANDWICH

THE RISE OF UTTAR PRADESH

Connectivity, Capability, Confidence

Under the leadership of Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath,** UP is witnessing a historic transformation, emerging as a key driver of India's economic, infrastructural, and cultural resurgence. With the highest number of airports in the country, world-class expressways, rapid rail and metro networks, and expanded healthcare and education infrastructure, the state is redefining connectivity and quality of life. Landmark initiatives in electronics manufacturing, defense production, innovation, and youth employment are strengthening economic fundamentals. Simultaneously, heritage conservation, and ODOP have revitalised tourism, empowered local economies and positioned **Uttar Pradesh firmly on the path toward becoming a $1 trillion economy.**

Unprecedented Air Connectivity

- Uttar Pradesh now has the highest number of airports in the country
- 16 airports operational and 8 more under construction
- 5 international airports strengthening global connectivity and tourism

India's First Rapid Rail Service

- Launch of the 'Namo Bharat' Rapid Rail connecting Meerut to Delhi
- Faster, safer, and modern commuting transforming NCR mobility
- Reduced travel time boosting economic integration

World-Class Expressways & Highways

- Over 7 expressways operational
- 15 expressways at various stages of development
- Enhanced logistics, industrial growth, and regional accessibility

Healthcare Infrastructure Expansion

- 80 medical colleges operational across the state
- AIIMS in Gorakhpur and Rae Bareli
- Improved access to quality healthcare for millions

Employment & Youth Empowerment

- 9 lakh+ government jobs provided
- Over 2 crore employment and self-employment opportunities created
- Skill development aligned with industry needs

Farmer Welfare Initiatives

- Free electricity connection schemes benefiting farmers
- Power bill waivers for over 15 lakh farmers
- Strengthened agricultural productivity and rural prosperity

Urban Mobility & Metro Expansion

- Metro services operational in multiple major cities
- Noida, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Lucknow, Kanpur, and Agra connected
- Modern public transport improving urban quality of life

A Global Hub for Electronics & Mobile Manufacturing

- Specialized hubs are being developed in Noida, Lucknow, and Kanpur to foster innovation.
- State-wide focus on the enhancement of AI, Cloud Computing, and Cybersecurity.
- These technological advancements are projected to create employment opportunities for approximately 15,000 people.
- HCL and Foxconn, in collaboration with the proactive leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's government, are establishing India's first semiconductor OSAT (Assembly & Test) facility near Jewar Airport in the YEIDA region.

Strengthening National Security (Defense Corridor)

- Lucknow is the new home for the manufacturing of the BrahMos Indian Supersonic Cruise Missile.
- The UP Defense Industrial Corridor is playing a pivotal role in making India "Aatmanirbhar" (self-reliant) in military power and defense production.

Driving Innovation and Employment

- UP now accounts for 55% of India's total mobile phone production.
- More than 200 electronics manufacturing companies are already operational in the Noida and Greater Noida regions.
- The state has implemented the Semiconductor Policy 2024, with a major semiconductor unit worth ₹3,700 crore approved for Jewar.

UP Powers India's EV Growth

- Ashok Leyland's world-class EV plant, completed in just 18 months, showcases UP's fast-tracked industrial growth under the double-engine government.
- With 700 electric buses already on roads, UP is rapidly strengthening clean and sustainable public transport.
- In 2024, UP contributed 19% to India's total EV market, reinforcing its leadership in electric mobility.

Sacred Sites, Strong Economy: UP's New Growth Story

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's vision has revitalised iconic religious destinations, boosted tourism, generated large-scale employment, and strengthened heritage conservation, firmly placing the state on the path toward a $1 trillion economy.

Kashi Vishwanath Corridor: Revitalising Faith and Economy

- Since its inauguration in December 2021, the Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham Corridor has welcomed over 25.28 crore devotees, generating an estimated ₹1.25 lakh crore economic boost.
- Devotees visiting Kashi also travel to Ayodhya, Prayagraj, Vindhyachal, Chitrakoot, and Mathura, triggering a multi-city tourism circuit. Average per-capita spending of ₹4,000–5,000 has accelerated growth across Purvanchal, strengthening local economies and contributing to the state's GDP.

Ayodhya: From Sacred City to Economic Powerhouse

- The construction of the Shri Ram Temple has turned Ayodhya into one of India's largest religious tourism hubs. Tourist arrivals surged from 57.5 million (2023) to 160 million (2024), with over 230 million devotees in the first half of 2025.
- Ayodhya alone now generates ₹8,000–12,500 crore annually, accounting for nearly 20–25% of Uttar Pradesh's tourism economy.

Heritage Conservation with Modern Infrastructure

- In Sambhal, restoring 68 ancient pilgrimage sites and 19 historic wells, reviving landmarks like Brahma Koop, and developing sacred circuits such as the 24-Kosi Parikrama Marg. These initiatives balance preservation with accessibility.

Chitrakoot & Beyond: Integrated Cultural Development

- Projects like Ramghat beautification, development of Valmiki and Tulsidas Ashrams, upgrades at Kalinjar Fort, new expressways, and ropeways are strengthening cultural tourism while conserving timeless heritage.

Empowering Traditions, Fueling the Future

Launched in 2018, the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative is the cornerstone of Uttar Pradesh's mission to become a $1 trillion economy. Inspired by the vision of "Vocal for Local," this flagship program identifies one unique product from each of the state's 75 districts to preserve dying arts and revitalize the MSME sector.

ODOP has transformed UP into an export powerhouse, nearly doubling the state's exports from ₹88,967 crore (2017-18) to ₹ 1.86 lakh crore (2024). From the iconic Banarasi Silk of Varanasi and Chikankari of Lucknow to the Kala Namak Rice of Siddharthnagar, these products are not just commodities but symbols of India's cultural heritage, frequently presented as official gifts to world leaders at international summits like the G20. By curbing rural migration and fostering local entrepreneurship, ODOP is ensuring that the "Soul of Swadeshi" drives the nation's progress

KAAM DAMDAAR - DOUBLE ENGINE SARKAR

ADVERTORIAL

MP BY Raghavendra on Monday alleged that before 2014, more than 450 schemes across the country were named after Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, or Rajiv Gandhi, while none were named after Mahatma Gandhi, a fact he claimed "cannot be denied." He urged Congress leaders to 'learn from past history' for what he called their mistakes.

G-RAM G may be amended further considering flaws, if any: Shobha

Says 10.5 lakh complaints received against MGNREGA, over Rs 10.6 lakh cr spent since 2005

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@ Hubballi

UNION Minister for Labour and Employment and MSME Shobha Karandlaje on Monday said changes made to the rural employment guarantee scheme through the new law, Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission-Gramin (VB-G RAM G), could be amended further in the coming years, considering the flaws in its implementation, to effectively generate employment and create permanent assets in rural areas.

She said the new law was necessitated as complaints against MGNREGA were too many. Over 10.5 lakh different types of complaints, like fake job cards, using machines instead of human labour for work and misappropriation of funds, had been registered over the years. MPs from different parties, including from the opposition, commended the new law off the record, but are now forced to oppose it for the sake of opposing, she added.

She said PM Narendra Modi was thinking of changing MGNREGA from his very first term and entrusted the work to Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan as he was chief minister during both UPA and NDA governments and was aware of flaws in its implementation. After consulting with all stakeholders, the Centre passed the Bill after adequate discussion, she noted.

Questioning Congress' opposition to VB-G RAM G, she said if they are opposing it just over change in the name, it will not hold ground, but they have to clarify whether they favour faults in MGNREGA implementation and big pilferage of taxpayers' money. The Centre has spent Rs 10.67 lakh crore under the scheme since its inception in 2005, while crores of rupees have been swindled, she added.

On increasing the states' share to 40% under the new law, she said it is to make states more responsible while spending funds. She countered the state government's claims that the law is against decentralisation and said gramasabhas are authorised to decide on works to be taken up at villages, and they do not need the approval from the government.

On the new four labour codes, she said they subsume 29 different labour laws, majority of which were from the British era. Also, the government is mulling widening benefits of social security facilities, like PF and ESIC, to gig workers, the minister said.

At an Awareness and Consultation Programme on Four Labour Codes, organised by the Karnatak Chamber of Commerce and Industry, she said her ministry held extensive talks with all stakeholders, including trade unions and industries, leading to 95% consensus, while the remaining doubters would be convinced soon.

Though the labour codes were passed in 2020, the Centre tread a cautious path as it is a sensitive issue and listened to every opinion . It is still gathering opinions and observations from stakeholders and if any are legitimate, they would be added while framing the rules for these codes, which are the Code on Wages, the Industrial Relations Code, the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code and the Code on Social Security, she said.

Union Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje addresses an Awareness and Consultation Programme on Four Labour Codes in Hubballi on Monday | D HEMANTH

Special emergency cabinet meet on Jan 14

The Karnataka government has convened a special emergency cabinet meeting in Bengaluru on Wednesday to discuss the VB-G RAM G Act. The State Government has been opposing the Act and in the last cabinet meeting, it had decided to go to the "people's court" against repealing of MGNREGA

Like farm laws, Centre will be forced to withdraw new job Bill: Kharge

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
@ Kalaburagi

ALL-India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday drew parallels between the three farm laws (that were repealed later) and the VB-G RAM G Act, saying that the Union Government led by the BJP will face stiff resistance from the people affected by the new job guarantee scheme, which will force the Centre to reverse it too.

Kharge was speaking at a programme organised to initiate various development works at Yadrami in Jewargi taluk of Kalaburagi district.

Calling VB-G RAM G anti-labour, anti-farmers, and anti-democratic, Kharge, who is also the Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, said, "On one side the Union Government does not release the rightful share of taxes to the state governments led by opposition parties, and on the other hand it says the states have to bear 40% and the Centre will bear 60% of the expenditure in the implementation of VB-G RAM G," Kharge said.

The Congress chief further said that the new Act has withdrawn the power of panchayats to decide the nature of work to be taken up under VB-G RAM G, as they have to take up works instructed by the Centre. "It means the panchayats are deprived of deciding the nature of work. Labourers will face hardship in getting jobs under this new Bill. All the opposition parties will hit the streets if the Centre fails to withdraw VB-G RAM G," Kharge warned, calling upon people to unite to oppose such anti-people Bills.

Criticising the Centre, Kharge said, "Lord Ram is in the kaam (work). Even Lord Basavanna preached the philosophy of work is worship. By naming schemes after gods, releasing grants to temples, visiting temples, taking a holy dip, and meditating before gods and goddesses, it is nothing but fooling people. PM Modi is doing all this keeping an eye on the forthcoming elections in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry," Kharge added.

On the educational backwardness of Kalyana Karnataka districts, Kharge said merely creating infrastructure is not enough. Addressing Minister for School Education Madhu Bangarappa, who was present at the programme, Kharge asked him to ensure sufficient teachers are posted to Kalyana Karnataka districts at the earliest.

Referring to the speech made by Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, who had said that seeing the progress in Kalyana Karnataka after the implementation of the amendment to Article 371 J he feels that he should have taken birth in the region, Kharge said that there is no need to feel that way as the region still lags behind in many aspects. "Let the government develop Kalyana Karnataka on par with the rest of the state," Kharge said.

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge in conversation with CM Siddaramaiah at a programme in Yadrami in Jewargi taluk of Kalaburagi district on Monday | EXPRESS

Govt financially strong, BJP netas experts in spreading lies, says CM

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@ Kalaburagi

REFUTING the claims made by the BJP for calling the State Government bankrupt, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that the government is financially strong, and hence it is able to take up works worth over Rs 900 crore in a single constituency of Jewargi on Monday.

Initiating several development works at Yadrami in Jewargi taluk of Kalaburagi district, the CM said that the BJP leaders are experts in telling lies. "They are alleging that the government has become bankrupt after implementing the five guarantee schemes. If that is the case, how can we lay foundation stones and inaugurate works worth over Rs 900 crore in a single constituency?" the chief minister said.

He said the Congress promised 295 assurances apart from the five guarantees in its 2023 Assembly election manifesto and has so far implemented 243 assurances and the guarantees. "We will implement the remaining assurances at the earliest. During the 2013 elections, the Congress promised 165 assurances and implemented 158. The BJP in 2018 gave 600 assurances and did not implement even 10% of them," Siddaramaiah added.

The CM said that his government has released sufficient compensation for the losses incurred in the 2025 monsoon.

"Let people decide what the BJP government has done to them and what we are doing. It is the Congress that brought the amendment to Article 371(J) for Kalyana Karnataka, and it has released Rs 13,000 crore in three years to the Kalyana Karnataka Regional Development Board (KKRDB)," he said.

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>
> CM Siddaramaiah

The CM said that he had constituted the Govind Rao Committee a year back to study how much the Nanjundappa Committee report has been implemented for bringing backward regions of the state on par with developed regions and the measures to be taken to improve the backward regions. "The committee is expected to submit its report later this month or next month. The State Government will study it and implement it," Siddaramaiah said.

People protest against the Kogilu demolition at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

BJP fact-finding panel seeks NIA probe into 'illegal' residents of Kogilu

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@ Bengaluru

THE BJP fact-finding committee headed by MLA SR Vishwanath submitted its report to the party state president BY Vijayendra and sought an NIA probe into the alleged presence of illegal residents at Kogilu in Bengaluru.

The report says that Fakir Colony, Wasim Colony and Fakir New Colony have been home for illegal migrants for the last two years on government land and land allotted to the solid waste management unit. Out of 167 families, 136 are Muslims, 31 Hindu and one Christian. The documents they produced, including Aadhaar card and ration card, have different address. The district administration has the responsibility to find out if they are Indians or Bangladeshis or Rohingyas. Outsiders usurping the constitutional rights of Indians is cause of concern, said the report.

The report alleged that the state government is providing caste and income certificates to illegal migrants. "The CM has announced rehabilitation of these people and it amounts to cheating of other citizens. A person by name Wasim has collected Rs 3 lakh to Rs 5 lakh and allowed them to reside. He is a local Congress leader and a close associate of minister Krishna Byregowda. It is noted that the minister has not taken any action in spite of government land is being misused, the report states.

The fact-finding committee members said that the government does not have any provision to construct houses to these illegal residents under the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation. "If they are rehabilitated, it will encourage many people to encroach on government land and put up illegal sheds and then stake claim for government houses," said the committee members. They also demanded the state government to consider them as party in the case before the court.

Later speaking to reporters, Vishwanath said when the tenants were evicted AICC Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal and Kerala CM alleged that they were from Kerala. "But the fact is none of them is from Kerala. In Bengaluru, of 100 ragpickers, 95 are Rohingyas. They have all the documents and there is an agency that provides them these documents."

He said that over 15,000 applicants are waiting for houses but the government is now providing houses to outsiders.

Don't give assent to hate speech Bill: BJP to Guv

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THE opposition BJP delegation, headed by Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka, on Monday appealed to Governor Thawarchand Gelhol not to give his assent to the hate speech Bill, which was passed in the winter session of the legislature in Belagavi recently. They also asked the Governor to take action against providing houses to those who had encroached on government land in Kogilu in Bengaluru.

Speaking to media persons after meeting the Governor, Ashoka said the law against hate speech was passed without discussion in the Assembly, and it can be used against anyone, even for pointing a finger at the state government. The BJP leader said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is imposing an Emergency.

The BJP leader said Congress is trying to suppress the freedom of expression, and if the Act is implemented, the police can arrest anyone, including opposition MLAs, and register cases on the directions of the government.

In Ballari, a Congress worker was killed by a Congress member, but instead of arresting those responsible for the murder, the allegations are being made against MLA Janardhan Reddy, he said. Ashoka said they have appealed to the Governor to direct the State Government to hand over the probe to the CBI to bring out the truth in the Ballari incident. The BJP is organising a massive rally in Ballari on January 17 to protest against the deterioration of the law and order in the state, he said.

Ashoka said the BJP is ready for the elections to the corporations in the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), and given the condition of potholed roads, the government's failure to manage solid waste, and the law and order situation, the Congress is certain to face defeat in the corporation polls. The decision on the BJP-JDS alliance would be taken by the high command leaders, he said.

EXPRESS READ

Solar firms join hands to power up Africa, S Asia

BENGALURU: The International Solar Alliance (ISA) and SELCO Foundation signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in Bengaluru on Monday to scale up solar-powered solutions for the public across Africa and South Asia. With Africa as the main focus, the organisations will try to enable solar solutions in various sectors, including agriculture. The goal is to reach out to at least a million families through the solar-powered solutions, said ISA Director General Ashish Khanna. "We are in conversation with around five countries. In countries such as Ethiopia and Ghana, where there is no food security, solarisation of agriculture is the need of the hour," he said. **ENS**

DKS in Delhi on Jan 16 to discuss Assam polls, likely to meet Priyanka

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KARNATAKA Deputy Chief Minister and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPPC) President DK Shivakumar will visit Delhi on January 16 to take part in a preparatory meeting for the Assam Assembly elections, for which he has been appointed as an observer by the Congress.

On the sidelines of the meeting, Shivakumar is expected to meet AICC General Secretary and Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi, who is the chief of the screening committee for the selection of candidates. Shivakumar is also likely to meet Congress Parliamentary Party chief Sonia Gandhi.

DK Shivakumar

Priyanka Gandhi

On Monday, Shivakumar called on AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge in Bengaluru and spoke to him for 45 minutes. The duo flew together to Kalaburagi to take part in an official event. Replying to the chances of the Congress high command summoning Shivakumar and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to Delhi, Kharge said, "If and when required, the high command will take a decision".

CM and Deputy CM to receive Rahul in Mysuru

CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar will receive LoP in Lok Sabha and Rae Bareli MP Rahul Gandhi at the Mysuru airport on Tuesday. Rahul will be landing in Mysuru and flying to Gudalur in The Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu in a helicopter. Rahul will attend the golden jubilee of St Thomas English High School and return to Mysuru by 4.30pm and take a flight back to Delhi, informed sources said.

Rajanna in the fray, Siddu & DKS camps to face off

APEX BANK POLLS

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AMID a tussle over change in leadership, camps of CM Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar are set to face off in the elections to the president's post of the Karnataka State Cooperative Apex Bank Ltd. The trigger is former cooperation minister **KN Rajanna** filing his nomination papers on Monday for the president's post.

Being a close aide of Siddaramaiah, Rajanna's entry is being interpreted as a counter to Shivakumar, who wanted to make his brother-in-law and MLC S Ravi the president.

Rajanna, after being removed as minister, continued his grip over the cooperative sector. He has already been a president twice of the 110-year-old Apex Bank... from October 2001 to April 2005 and August 2015 to September, 2020. He is now the president of Tumakuru District Central Cooperative (DCC) bank and has been delegated as nominee to the Apex Bank, while Ravi is coming from the Bengaluru DCC bank. Eighteen DCC banks across the state have delegated their nominees and the Mysore-Chamarajanagar bank is also expected to do it soon.

The elections, a formality, will be held on January 23 for their confirmation as directors. Two weeks later, elections will be held for the president's post.

Sources said that Siddaramaiah and Rajanna had given a word to Shivakumar to make Ravi the bank president. But the scenario has changed with Rajanna losing his cabinet berth and wanting to prove his mettle. It is to be seen if Ravi contests for the president's post or settles for the vice-president if a deal is struck between the two camps. In an attempt to break ice, Shivakumar recently met Rajanna and held discussions.

In the, Rajanna has an upper hand as he is backed by delegated nominees from different DCC banks from across the state cutting across party lines. In all, 19 directors will vote to choose the president.

Former minister HD Revanna's MLC son Suraj R, a delegate from Hassan, too may back Rajanna to settle scores with Shivakumar, a source said. Ministers D Sudhakar(Chitradurga), Shivananda S Patil (Vijayapura), Karnataka State Pollution Control Board chairman PM Narendraswamy (Mandya), former minister Shivarama Mahabaleshwara Hebbar (Uttara Kannada), Belli Prakash (Chikkamagaluru), who held the president post previously, and PWD minister Satish Jarkiholi's son Rahul Jarkiholi (Belagavi) are likely to support Rajanna.

DCC banks of Bagalkot and Kolar could not delegate their nominees due to legal hurdles. But Mysuru and Chamarajanagar are likely to delegate one.

The Mangaluru City Crime Branch arrested a Ugandan national from Jigani, on the outskirts of Bengaluru, and seized 4 kg of MDMA valued at approximately Rs 4 crore. The accused, identified as Jalia Zalwango, was the primary supplier for a network of peddlers operating across Mangaluru city, police said

MOTORISTS BE CAREFUL, TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS WILL NOW ATTRACT FIRs

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru traffic police have begun registering FIRs against vehicle owners who violate rules and disrupt traffic flow. Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) Anoop Shetty told *The New Indian Express* that FIRs are being registered at jurisdictional traffic police stations for violations like jumping traffic signals, driving against one-way traffic and parking on busy roads obstructing smooth traffic movement. According to police data, between January and November 2025, 6,62,447 signal-jumping offences and 3,02,962 no-entry violations were reported in Bengaluru.

A senior traffic police officer said jumping signals and riding against one-way traffic are among the most-frequent violations in the city. He explained that cases are booked based on the nature of the offence and type of vehicle involved.

"When cars or heavy vehicles are driven on one-way roads, it causes traffic disruption and can lead to accidents. In such cases, offenders are booked under Section 285 (danger or obstruction in a public way) of the BNS," the officer said.

Under the same section, vehicles, especially autorickshaws and cars parked on roads near bus stops and railway stations, obstructing the smooth flow of vehicular movement are also being booked. The officer added that signal jumping can result in serious accidents. In such instances, police register cases under Section 281 (rash or negligent riding on a public way) of the BNS.

Another officer said the police have been enforcing this action for the past six months. "Earlier, offenders would pay the fine on the spot and repeat the violation. Once an FIR is registered, the vehicle is seized and the offender has to approach the court to pay the fine. It is a prolonged process and acts as a deterrent," the officer said.

However, he added that FIRs are not being registered in all cases of such violations.

An official seals a paying guest accomodation in Bengaluru South City Corporation limits | EXPRESS

Unique codes on SSLC prep Q-papers help cops arrest six teachers for leak

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THE North Division Cyber Police have arrested six school teachers from different districts, for allegedly leaking SSLC preparatory examination question papers. More than ten students have also been questioned in connection with the case. The presence of unique codes on SSLC preparatory examination question papers helped the police crack the case swiftly.

A senior police officer said school headmasters are authorised to download question papers from the website of the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board on the day of the examination by entering an OTP sent to their registered mobile numbers. The six teachers misused this facility, leading to the leak. Two of the arrested headmasters allegedly downloaded the question papers around 6.30 am on the day of the examination. They are said to have taken photographs of the papers on their mobile phones and forwarded them to their relatives' children, instructing them to study the questions in advance. The students who received the papers further shared them with friends, after which the question papers became available on social media. The remaining four teachers had also obtained the question papers illegally.

The arrested have been identified as VD Girish, headmaster of an aided high school in Tumakuru; Amjad Khan, a teacher at a Ramanagara school; Shaheeda Begum, headmistress of a private school in Kalaburagi; and teachers Mohammed Sirajuddin, Fahmeeda and Farzana Begum in Kalaburagi.

"During investigation, it was found that the leaked question papers carried visible alphanumeric codes. These codes indicated the specific schools from which the question papers had been downloaded. By tracing the codes, police identified the source points that had illegally accessed and circulated the papers," an officer said.

Police later traced the students who had uploaded and circulated the question papers online. Investigation found that after receiving the papers, some students created multiple accounts on Instagram under names such as "Delta Hacker 32" and "Delta Hacker" and posted photographs of the papers. Separate channels were also created on Telegram. The investigation revealed that some students sold the leaked papers for prices varying between Rs 50 to 200. Ten students, including two who shared the papers on Instagram and Telegram, were identified, detained and questioned. Their statements have been recorded, the officer added.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the teachers did not leak the papers for financial gain, but to benefit their relatives' children and students they were teaching. The mobile phones of the accused have been seized and further investigation is under way.

The case had come to light after officials of the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board lodged a complaint on January 7, after learning that a question paper had been leaked and was circulating on an Instagram account. The SSLC Preparatory Examination for the academic year 2025–26 was conducted between January 5 and January 10.

AGAINST ZOO RULES

NINE EXOTIC BIRDS RESCUED AFTER RAID ON CITY PUB

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FOREST officials raided a pub on the Hennur-Bagalur Main Road on January 11 and rescued exotic birds that were being displayed there for commercial purposes. A total of nine birds from five species, including blue and gold macaw, African grey parrot, blue conure, yellow sided conure and pineapple conure, were rescued. Such birds cannot be kept or displayed as per the Central Zoo Authority rules, an official said.

All the birds belong to the Psittacidae family and are protected under Schedule 6 of the Wildlife Protection Amendment Act (WPA), 2022. As they are exotic species, their display under the WPA is prohibited. The rescued birds have been sent to the Bannerghatta Rescue Centre for rehabilitation and observation.

"Based on videos posted on various social media platforms and information obtained, we raided Wild Pour pub on January 11 and seized the live birds. This is the first raid by the department in the last decade, where live birds have been seized," said Bengaluru Urban Deputy Conservator of Forests N Ravindrakumar.

Forest officials raided the Wild Pour pub on the Hennur-Bagalur Main Road on Sunday | EXPRESS

Investigating officials said the pub management was unable to explain from where they had obtained the birds. Earlier, they said the birds were born in captivity on the premises, but could not explain the parent lineage. Then they said they bought them on rent from a vendor named Roohidh Pasha and kept them on display as an added attraction for visitors, charging certain rates, which proves the commercial nature of the practice, the official said.

"During interrogation, Roohidh Pasha from Guddadahalli said the Macaw was brought on rent from one Chandan Acharya of Pets Choice in Vajrahalli, Kanakpura Road, and the African grey parrot was bought from Mahendra's Saloon in JP Nagar 8th Phase. However, the accused failed to provide any valid permit or registration for possessing the animals," the official added.

Ravindrakumar said the management did not have any valid documents for the birds and the details were not listed on the Parivesh Portal as per rules. As per import rules, no commercial benefit can be drawn by housing wild or exotic species.

"Multiple efforts are being done to seize exotic species. Many have already entered the rivers and lakes and are killing the native species. They spread disease and harm the endemic and native environment," Ravindrakumar added.

Unhygienic kitchens: 10 PGs sealed

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THE Bengaluru South City Corporation (BSCC) has sealed ten paying guest (PG) accommodations for operating under unhygienic conditions.

A total of 66 PGs operating in Jayanagar, Bengaluru South, BTM Layout and Bommanahalli Assembly constituency were inspected. Officials checked the availability of basic facilities such as safe drinking water, cleanliness, kitchen hygiene, safety measures, proper toilet facilities, fire safety equipment, installation of CCTV cameras and possession of FSSAI food safety certification.

"Kitchens in 10 PGs were found to be operating in unhygienic conditions, and they have been sealed. A total fine of Rs 22,500 was imposed on the establishments," said Health Officer Dr Balasundar.

"Notices had been issued to the PG operators to fix the lapses within seven days and comply with the prescribed norms to continue operations," he added.

DOCUMENT LOST

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client Smt. LELLAVATHI B N, W/o Sri. Nanjunda, has misplaced/lost her original Registered Site Sanction Certificate under Ashrya Youjane along with Original Hakku Patra No.03792, Dt: 11-09-2012, Document HSR-1-04861/2012-13, CD No. HSRD123, dated 13-09-2012, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Gandhi Nagar (Hesaraghatta) Bengaluru with respect to Site No. 235, Survey No. 113, measuring 20X30, situated at Singanayakanahalli, Yelahanka Hobli Bangalore North Taluk and to this effect a complaint has been lodged in the concerned police station, Vide Lost Report No. 2000166/2026, Dated: 08-01-2026.

Any person in possession of the above mentioned Registered Document is requested to handover the same to the undersigned within 14 days from the date of this publication or if having any sort of claim in respect of the above property shall file the objections within 14 days from the date of this publication, failing which it will be presumed that the document is irretrievably lost, any transaction with respect to the above mentioned Property shall be considered as null and void and shall not bind my client in any manner whatsoever.

G.P. CHAYA. B.Com., LL.B.,
Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India
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Mobile : 9448689048 / 9611650180

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IDBI BANK LIMITED
Website: www.idbibank.in

REQUIREMENT OF BRANCH PREMISES AT BIDADI, ABBANAKUPPE & MALLESWARAM

Bank Desires to acquire office premises on lease preferably situated on the ground floor in Bidadi, Abbanakuppe & Malleswaram. The ideal space should have a carpet area for Bidadi 1500 to 1800 Sqft and Abbanakuppe around 1000 Sq.ft. and for Malleswaram is 3500 Sqft [1500-2000 Sqft in Ground Floor & 1000-1500 Sqft in 1st Floor]: (including Onsite ATM) located prominently on a main road with excellent visibility, considerable frontage, reliable power supply, and convenient parking facilities in promising commercial and residential areas.

Interested parties owning suitable premises may apply to the Sr. Regional Head. Proposal received on or before January 23, 2026 before 6:00 pm. only will be accepted. Proforma and other details can be downloaded from our website www.idbibank.in under Notices-Tenders or obtainable from any of our branches.

Date: 13.01.2026 Sd/-
Place: Bengaluru Chief General Manager Bengaluru Zone

HIRING OF DISCIPLINE AND VIGILANCE OFFICERS

DGNCC, Mod invites applications from Retired Armed Forces and Civilian Officers as Discipline and Vigilance officers (DVO) ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS. Format for application available on website mentioned below.

Qualification :-
Gap in service not more than four years from the date of retirement. LLB/ LLM. Graduate/ PG. Experience for handling DV & Legal Cases. Details on Website.

Location of Duty :- Bengaluru

Please forward your application by Email & By Speed Post (Both required). By Hand Acceptable.
NCC Dte (Karnataka & Goa), KSCMF Building, 4th Floor, No. 8, Cunnigham Road, Bangalore-560001.
By e-mail: adperskardte@gmail.com
FOR DETAILS AND TO APPLY VISIT : https://nccindia.gov.in

Contact Details for Clarification:
9596682114 - Colonel Kulkarni AV
Last Date for Receipt of Applications - 25 Jan 2026

Ex-SERVICEMEN HIRING

DGNCC, MoD invites applications from Retired Army JCOs (Sub & Nb Sub) and Havs (Not for Nks, MACP Havs, Sub Maj) for appointment as INSTRUCTOR STAFF ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS. Format for application available on website, mentioned below.

Qualification :-
SHAPE - 1 : Min Service : Hav - 24 Yrs, Nb Sub - 28Yrs, Sub - 28 Yrs Retired on or after 31 Mar 2023 Pereferably Instructor. Details on Website

Location of Duty :- Bengaluru, Belagavi, Mysuru Raichur, Shivamogga

Please forward your application by Email & By Speed Post (Both required) By HAND Acceptable
NCC Dte (Karnataka & Goa), KSCMF Building, 4th. Floor, No 8, Cunningham Road, Bangalore - 560 001.
E-mail : jtdirpc.kardte@nccindia.nic.in
FOR DETAILS AND TO APPLY VISIT : https://nccindia.gov.in

Contact Details for Clarification:
9481405092, SSA Vishwanath
Last Date for Receipt of Applications - 25 Jan 2026

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPTT. OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 2, BENGALURU
Jeevan Mangal Building (2nd Floor), No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru - 560 025.

TRC No. : 42 / 2018

The Federal Bank
D Cross Road,
Doddaballapur, Bangalore
Karnataka 561 203. ... Certificate Holder

Versus

Sri Prakash Murthy & Others ... Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Sri. Prakash Murthy S/o. Sri. S.A. Ramappa
No. 119, Konaghatta, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka - 561 203.
2. Ms. Varalakshmi D/o. Sri. Prakash Murthy
No. 119, Konaghatta, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka - 561 203.
3. Sri. Abhishek Gowda S/o. Sri. Prakash Murthy
No. 119, Konaghatta, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka - 561 203.

... Defendants

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **T.A. No. 1235/2017 (O.A. No. 1706/2016)** passed by the **Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore Amount of Rs. 11,31,446/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Four Hundred Forty Six Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date failling of O.A.s still realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **4th day of April 2018.**

Sd/- Recovery Officer - 2
Debts Recovery Tribunal - 2
Bangalore

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below.
: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.
(3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

MANDYA DIST. CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,
E-mail : manmulengg@gmail.com Tele : 08232-274572
IFT No. MMU/civil/E-Procu_/Tender-121 & 123/2025-26 Date : 09.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Mandya Dist Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., invites tenders through e-Procurement to take up the following works.
(1) Construction of Pandavapura Sub office Building for Manmul. Quantity : 01 Job. **EMD (Rs.) : 4,40,000/-. No of Calls** : 2nd.
(2) Construction of Concrete Road from New Powder Plant Back side to Scrap Yard at Main Dairy Gejjalagere.
Quantity : 01 Job. EMD (Rs.) : 5,05,000/-. No of Calls : 2nd.
Interested tenderers may please refer details of notice inviting tender for eligibility criteria & other details. Tender Schedules may be downloaded from **12.01.2026 to 21.01.2026 upto 17.00 hrs. Pre Bid Meeting : 17.01.2026 at 11.00 hrs. Last date for submission of Tender : 21.01.2026 at 17.00 hrs. Opening of Technical Tender (Part-I) on : 23.01.2026 after 11.00 hrs. Opening of Commercial Tender (Part-2) : will be Intimated.**
Interested Tenderers may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in For more information Contact Manager (Engg) Mobile No. 9535773140.**

Sd/- Managing Director

BAJAJ BEYOND
JAMNALAL BAJAJ AWARDS

Nominations Invited

48th JAMNALAL BAJAJ NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL AWARDS - 2026 FOR GANDHIAN 'WARRIORS'

National Award for Constructive Work

For contribution in any of or all the development areas of Mahatma Gandhi's Constructive Programmes, to create a self-reliant community in rural India.

The Man - Jamnalal Bajaj was among the stalwarts who gave of himself completely - mind, body and soul to India's freedom movement. Jamnalal Bajaj overreached himself in making words into deeds and in implementing the Constructive Programme of Mahatma Gandhi, be it Khadi, Dalit - welfare, women emancipation, ethics in business, or preservation of cattle-wealth through Goseva. So much so that Mahatma Gandhi adopted him as his 'fifth son'.

The Awards - To promote and propagate Jamnalal Bajaj's philanthropic vision as also Gandhian ideology of rural development, the Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation instituted four Awards, which have come to be regarded as most coveted in respective fields.

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National Award for Application of Science & Technology for Rural Development

For contribution through adaptable, affordable, replicable appropriate grassroots technologies, which has resulted in economic, social and ecological development of rural people.

National Award for Development & Welfare of Women & Children

Only to a woman.
For contribution towards education, skills training, healthcare, literacy, livelihood activities, holistic development, advocacy, etc. of women and children.

International Award for Promoting Gandhian Values Outside India

Only to a foreign national.
For contribution outside India in promoting Gandhian principles like vision for peace, non-violence, harmony of human life with nature and moral conscience.

Last Date for Nominations

National & International Awards: 31st January, 2026
Online Submission: www.jamnalalbajajawards.org/nomination-forms
Email (for nomination): nominations@jamnalalbajajfoundation.org

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Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said on Monday that the Congress would sincerely implement welfare schemes in the entire state, especially in Kalyana Karnataka as the region has elected more Congress MLAs and MPs, compared to other parts of Karnataka. He said the government has released Rs 5,000 crore each over the past two years for the development of this region

Consider junking BMIC project, HC tells state govt

'Plan only on paper for the past 30 years'

YATHIRAJU @Bengaluru

THE High Court on Monday directed the state government to consider discarding the Bangalore–Mysore Infrastructure Corridor (BMIC) project, which has remained only on paper over the past 30 years.

"The project proponents are collecting huge tolls by constructing peripheral roads and toll plazas. They are sitting on a huge land bank, but without its proper use as the expressway has not yet been constructed, and there is no sign of it being constructed in future. Therefore, we direct the state government to re-look the project and take appropriate steps in this regard", said a division bench of Justice D K Singh and Justice Venkatesh Naik T.

The court made these remarks while dismissing the petition filed by Chandrika, a resident of Benson Town in Bengaluru, seeking directions to NICE Ltd and the state to provide compensation, as the petition suppressed the fact that she obtained Rs 51.36 lakh compensation in 2007 by executing an indemnity bond for full and final settlement of compensation for acquisition of 3 acres and 23 guntas near Kengeri in Bengaluru.

The project and its planning, as delineated in the Project Technical Report (PTR), has remained only on paper, even after 30 years, for various reasons... It is informed that out of 111 km of BMIC, only 1 km has been constructed by Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise (NICE). It has constructed 47 km of peripheral roads from which it collects toll tax to its profit. But the ambitious project of such a public interest to decongest the city and to develop a new satellite township has remained only on paper. Not even a single township has been developed in the last 25 years. The result is that, today, it is difficult to travel on the roads of Bengaluru, and mobility has come to a standstill, the court noted.

No purpose would be served by keeping the project alive when, in more than 25 years, only one kilometre has been constructed. It would be in the interest of the city, citizens, environment and the future, to re-look at the project and take appropriate action for a fresh and new project, discarding the old one, the court said.

"The population of the city is more than 1.4 crore. It takes hours to travel a small distance in the city. The infrastructure facilities are crumbling down. The environment is badly affected. The state government, therefore, must take necessary decisions for fresh planning by discarding the Framework Agreement at the earliest to ameliorate the living conditions of the city. We hope that an informed decision will be taken in this regard at the earliest," the high court bench observed.

Family says no to gold stash; ASI, Patil say it's treasure

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Lakkundi/Gadag

THE developments after a family in Lakkundi found a stash of gold ornaments buried under the earth on their land took a new twist on Monday. The family who earlier staked claim on the gold now says they do not want it. State Archaeological Survey of India Director Dr R Shejeshwar visited Lakkundi on Monday and confirmed that the find is a treasure.

However, the change of mind reportedly took place after some seniors of the village told the Ritti family that taking possession of a treasure is a sin. Several villagers told the family that their land where the treasure was found is located behind the Lakshmi temple, hence, they should donate the land to the temple. Heeding this, the family has now requested the district administration to help them get another house.

Iraanna Bandi, a septuagenarian, said, "We have seen many people who had taken such treasures suffering losses. Call it superstition, karma or whatever, but we have seen some families who suffered after taking gold dug up from their lands. Hence, we have suggested to the Ritti family to ask the government for help in getting a new house, and we will also help them."

Both district in-charge minister HK Patil and state ASI Director Dr R Shejeshwar said the gold found by the family was a treasure.

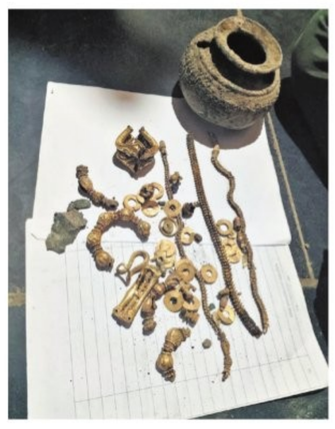
They said they respect the honesty of the family and the latter will be given suitable reward according to the law.

On Sunday, an ASI official from Dharwad said that the golden ornaments cannot be classified as a treasure but changed his statement on Monday, saying that he was confused.

Patil said any valuable asset found under the earth is a treasure, and it is government property.

Former minister and Lakkundi MLA CC Patil, who visited the village on Monday, said, "ASI officials should not give confusing statements. I congratulate the Ritti family for their honesty in handing over the gold to the district administration."

Gadag DC CN Sridhar said, "The family has shown their honesty and we will act according to the law."



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HEALTH COMES FIRST

Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University Vice-Chancellor Prof Ramesh B undergoes an ayurvedic health checkup at a medical camp organised on the occasion of Vivekananda Jayanti in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

E-auction of excise licences postponed on HC directive

Bengaluru: The state government has postponed the e-auction of excise licences following the directions of the High Court of Karnataka, Dharwad Bench. In an official statement, the Additional Commissioner of Excise department said that as per an earlier notification, the live bidding of excise licences was scheduled to be held through the MSTC Portal (https://www.mstcecommerce.com) from January 13 to 20. Following the directions of the High Court of Karnataka, Dharwad Bench in the writ petition (No.:110093/2025) dated December 26, 2025, the e-auction process is hereby postponed till further orders. The revised schedule of e-auction dates will be intimated later, the statement added. The state government was expecting to earn around Rs 1,000 crore through the e-auctioning of over 550 unused retail licences. **ENS**

Battling illnesses, activist seeks nod for euthanasia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

ACTIVIST HB Karibasamma has urged the state government to implement and communicate a clear legal process and issue guidelines for euthanasia at the earliest.

The 86-year-old woman fighting for this cause for over a decade, stated that the right to live with dignity must also include the right to die with dignity in cases of unbearable suffering. She said the government has failed to take the legal framework on euthanasia to the public, even years after recognising it.

Karibasamma stressed that euthanasia procedures must be made available in government hospitals, which she described as the only accessible institutions for the poor. She pointed out that thousands of poor and elderly people, lacking financial and social support, continue to suffer from multiple ailments, spending their final years in extreme pain and helplessness, often confined to their beds and dependent on others even for basic needs. People remain confused about where to apply for euthanasia and which hospitals to approach, leading many elderly persons to die in agony without clarity or assistance, she said.

She appealed to the state government to issue clear guidelines and not "invite the curse of the suffering elderly" by delaying action.

Sharing her personal circumstances, Karibasamma said she is battling several illnesses and no longer wishes to continue a life of constant physical struggle. She said she has already submitted medical reports and sought permission for euthanasia from the Davanagere Deputy Commissioner, the local court, the Governor, and both the State and Central governments. She said that if permission is denied, she would end her life on behalf of crores of elderly people.

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Phone: 0836-2215354
Ref. No.KU/KUP-44/Tdr/458 Date: 09-01-2026
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(e-Procurement Karnataka Governement Public portal (KPPP)

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No:JLRL/2025-26/IND0009/Call-2 Date: 09-01-2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Senior General Manager, Jungle Lodges and Resorts Limited., Invites for Tender for Procurement of Rations and other Miscellaneous Goods for various Units of JLR. The details of tender documents are available in the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. The last date and time for receipt of tender document (through e-Procurement portal) is **27-01-2026 at 16:00 Hours the EMD amount of Rs.5,00,000/-.**

The details of tender documents are available in the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. For any further clarifications contact 91-80-46010000 and 91-80-68948777, Email **support@eprochelpdesk.com**.

Sd/-
Senior General Manager

DIPR/CP/4976/MAA/2025-26

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004
Bid No.: E-52/2025-26 **E-TENDERS** Date: 10.01.2026

E-tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items Only E-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class-III Digital Signature and registrations on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence. **S. No., Tender No., (Due Date), Description and quantity.**
1. 09251196A, Global Tender(05.02.2026) 800A FUSE to PL No. (18310072), 835 Nos., **Bid No. E-52/2025-2026 Date: 03.01.2026, 2.** 04251067A, (03.02.2026) KIT OF BOGIE FRAME ASSEMBLY, As per Drg. No. ELSK-0200 TO PL No. 29100781, 102 Set. **Bid No. E-52/2025-2026 Date: 05.01.2026, 3.** 04251062C, (27.01.2026) Bogie Frame Arrangement to PL No. 11522010, 6 Nos. **Bid No. E-52/2025-2026 Date: 05.01.2026, Corrigendum- 4.** Bid No. E-43/2025-26, 04251020A (27.01.2026), Revision-4, Details of Correction- Due date : To be read as 27.01.2026 instead of 06.01.2026. **Bid No. NOTICE/ Corrigendum/ IREPS/2025-26/52, Date: 05.01.2026, Corrigendum- 5.** Tender No. 10251327 PL No 16160034 SPRING EXHAUST VALVE, Revision-01, Details of Corrigendum- This Tender opened on 16.01.2026 instead of 05.01.2026 **Bid No. E-52/2025-26/52 Date: 08.01.2026, Corrigendum Notice- 6.** Tender No. 05255305, Bid Inv. No.-50, Existing due date- 09.01.2026, Revised due date- 15.01.2026. **Bid No. E-52/2025-26 Date: 02.01.2026, Corrigendum Notice- 7.** Bid Inv. No- E-48/2025-26, Tender No.-06251062, Clause- Due Date, Existing-29.12.2025, Revised Due Date-15.01.2026. **All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.** The details of above tenders are available on website **www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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ನಾನ್ ಕ್ಲಿನಿಕಲ್ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ತಾಲೂಕಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗೆ 2026–27 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗಾಗಿ ಹೊರ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಗ್ರೂಪ್ ಡಿ & ನಾನ್ ಕ್ಲಿನಿಕಲ್ ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕಾರ್ಯಾದೇಶ ನೀಡಿದ ದಿನದಿಂದ 31/10/2027 ರ ವರೆಗೆ ಈ ಅವಧಿಯವರಿಗೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಕರಾರು ಒಪ್ಪಂದದ ಮೇಲೆ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ವಿವರಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಮರು ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/) ನಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ವಿವರಗಳು: (1) ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಹಾಸಿಗೆ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯ: 100 ಹಾಸಿಗೆಗಳ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ (2) ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತಾ ಕೆಲಸಕ್ಕೆ ಒದಗಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ (ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ): 14+14 (3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ. 81,60,936/– (4) ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಹಣ: ರೂ. 02,04,023=40 (5) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಫೀ: ಇ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ (6) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಅಪಲೋಡ ಮಾಡುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08/01/2026 ರಿಂದ (7) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12/02/2026 ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4–00 ರವರೆಗೆ (8) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ದಾಖಲಾತಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13/02/2026 ಪೂರ್ವಾಹ್ನ 04.00 ಕ್ಕೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಆಡಳಿತ ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು,
ತಾಲೂಕು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಸಿದ್ದಾಪುರ (ಉ.ಕ.)
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GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on 16/02/2026 from 10.00 am onwards. The auction is of the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of their loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without any further notice. Reserve price is fixed on the basis of market price of the gold on the date of auction or the 85% of the average 30 days IBJA rate whichever is higher. Change in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at the auction centre and on the company website . The details given below are in the order of Branch Name, Loan Number, Customer Name, Total Due Amount (in `) & Item Name

List of pledges:-

BANGALORE, ANDRAHALLI MAIN ROAD, 0107060700094774, IRFAN Y, 22000/-, ELAS 1, DASARAHALLUI 8TH CROSS, 0104880700087236, MAHANTHAPPA, 117000/-, CHAIN 1,FINGER RINGS 1,MATTI 1, HOSAHALLI MAIN ROAD HUNESEMARANAHALLI, 0108230700052522, ARUN KUMAR S A, 84000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0108230730027189, SANDEEP CHAKRABORTY, 12830/-, DROPS & STUD 1, JALAHALLI, 0123800730034718, ANIL KUMAR B R, 166760/-, FINGER RINGS 1, JALAHALLI EAST, 0108460730038553, MANJUNATHA V, 206460/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, 38554, MANJUNATHA V, 154210/-, BROAD BANGLES 1, KADUGONDANAHALLI, 0108760730032033, ARBIN TAJ, 18350/-, FINGER RINGS 1, KODIGAHALLY ROAD SANJEEVINI NAGAR, 0117060730040819, AFREEN TAJ, 23310/-, STUD 1, MAHALAKSHMI LAYOUT ENTRANCE, 0106040700076128, SHIVANNASHETTY, 5000/-, DROPS 1, NANDINI LAYOUT, 0121610700028357, PUNIRAJA, 60300/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 41223, NEETHU G P, 67500/-, BANGLE 1,FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 1, NAVARANG, 0117900700043078, K M ANITHA, 35500/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 1, PARIMALANAGAR KANTEERAVA STUDIO, 0107540730021882, M D MUSTAK, 19988/-, ELAS 1, PEENIYA 2ND STAGE, 0123880730035356, SHANTACHAR H B, 304171/-, BANGLE 1, R T NAGAR, 0122680700037590, SULAIKHA MOIDU, 11000/-, LOCKET 1, RAMASWAMY PALAYAM, 0108650700042623, CHANDRA SHEKAR M N, 8500/-, STUD 1, 0108650730014587, CHETAN A, 208380/-, BANGLE 1, SANJIVINI NAGAR, 0116070700048256, CHIKKA MUNIYAPPA C, 140700/-, BRACELET 1, SARJAPUR ROAD ATTIBELE, 0133650700016739, MAHALAKSHMI, 19500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, SEPPINGS ROAD, 0110180730020482, KESHAVAN N, 31529/-, FINGER RINGS 1, SRINAGAR BANGALORE, 0108360700053412, M PRAKASH, 604/-, FINGER RINGS 1, T.C.PALAYA, 0108240730035130, KARUN KUMAR K, 74530/-, FINGER RINGS 1, VENKATAPURA BANGALORE, 0125510700033855, ARVIND, 22500/-, FINGER RINGS 1, VIDHYARANYAPURA, 0124930700029413, NETHRAVATHI, 14300/-, DROPS 1, YELAHANKA NEW, 0107770700053157, V MANOJ KUMAR, 19995/-, FINGER RINGS 2, 59634, BHASKAR B.V, 124340/-, FINGER RINGS 1, YESWANTHAPUR MAIN ROAD, 0108020700043365, TASMIYA BANU, 90047/-, BRACELET 1,CHAIN 1, BANGALORE RURAL, ANCHAPALYA,BANGLORE, 0128030700031286, CHAUTHI KAMAT, 556/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 31299, VISHAL KUMAR, 546/-, FINGER RINGS 1, CHIKBANAVARA, 0131810730052774, PYAREJAN B, 46976/-, BANGLE 1, KADABAGERE GATE, 0128020700049313, PAVAN C, 155500/-, DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 2,STUD 1, 49391, RAVIKUMAR R, 10000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 0128020730033335, UMESH B N, 43025/-, DROPS 1,FINGER RINGS 1, RAJANKUNTE BANGALORE, 0131000700025867, BHANUPRIYA C, 548/-, FINGER RINGS 1, CHAMRAJNAGAR, CHAMARAJANAGAR SAMPIGE ROAD, 0101920730013469, BELLAIAH, 8152/-, DROPS & STUD 1, MANDYA, MALAVALLI, 0113040700035617, NAGARAJU M, 19400/-, FINGER RINGS 1, NAGAMANGALA MANDYA, 0131640700020104, B G JYOTHI, 24600/-, FINGER RINGS 1,STUD 1, OLD M.C.ROAD MADDUR, 0123340700032918, JAYAMMA, 37067/-, DROPS & STUD 1, MYSORE, HD KOTTE, 0116520750000178, SHIVA KUMAR, 151000/-, CHAIN 1,DROPS & STUD 1,FINGER RINGS 1, SALIGRAMA MYSORE, 0133290700026524, RAJESWARI, 8960/-, FINGER RINGS 1, TUMKUR, RAGHAVENDRA NAGAR TUMKUR, 0132980700023779, VIGNESH T S, 11000/-, EAR RINGS 1, 0132980730041385, MANJUNATHA H R, 9200/-, DROPS & STUD 1, T DASARAHALLY, 0119640700049330, SIDDALINGAPPA, 50000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 49434, SIDDALINGAPPA, 54000/-, FINGER RINGS 1, 53560, SOMASHEKAR C M, 23600/-, FINGER RINGS 1,

Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit Rs. 10,000/- as EMD (refundable to unsuccessful bidders)by way of Cash on the same day of auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card/PAN card. For more details please contact 9535907846.

Authorised Officer
For Manappuram Finance Ltd

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)
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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

We, **Canara Bank** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of Addresee at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

Name & Address of the Borrowers/Guarantor/Mortgagor : 1) Late. Sri S V KRISHNA REDDY (Deceased) S/o. Sri Venkatappa, **Represented by his Legal Heirs : 1) S K Sunil Kumar** (Son), **2) S K Mohan Kumar** (Son), **3) N Prema** (Wife), **All are residing at :** No. 367, Singanayakanahalli, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Karnataka-560064.

Sl. No.	Loan Number	Nature of Loan	Amount	Date of Sanction
1	0445887008093	Loan for Rural Godown	Rs. 2,80,00,000/-	30.12.2015
2	0445887008100	Loan for Rural Godown	Rs. 2,50,00,000/-	02.09.2016
3	0445887008108	Loan for Rural Godown	Rs. 87,00,000/-	28.03.2017

Total Liability Amount : Rs. 7,49,87,543.18 (Rupees Seven Crore Forty Nine Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Forty Three Rupees and Eighteen paise Only) as on 31.12.2025together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 27.06.2024 **Demand Notice Date : 09.01.2026**

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of contiguous lands situated at Village-Singanayakanahalli, Hobli-Yelahanka, Taluk-Bangalore North as one composite property together with Two Warehouses (Godown-I measuring 56,250 Sq.Ft and Godown-II measuring 60,750 Sq.ft, Total 1,17,000 Sq.ft) constructed thereon in below mentioned properties : **(1)** Sy. No. 21/2, Extent 11 Guntas, **Boundaries : East :** Survey No. 21/9 and 21/8, **West :** Property belonging to Mr Vamana Murthy, **North :** Property belonging to Mr Vamana Murthy, **South :** Property belonging to Mr Venkatappa. **Ower of the Property S.V. Krishna Reddy. (2)** Sy. No. 21/9, Extent 30 Guntas, **Boundaries : East :** Raja Kaluve, **West :** Property belonging to Mr Vamana Murthy, **North :** Property belonging to Mr Venkatappa, **South :** Survey No. 21/8. **Ower of the Property S.V. Krishna Reddy. (3)** Sy. No. 21/6A, 21/7A, 21/7B, 21/8, Extent 2 Acres 2 Guntas, **Boundaries : East :** Raja Kaluve, **West :** Venkatappa's Land, **North :** Remaining portion of the lands in Sy. No. 21/8, **South :** Begum John's Land. **Ower of the Property N. Prema. (4)** Sy. No. 21/10, Extent 26 Guntas, **Boundaries : East :** Raja Kaluve, **West :** Property belonging to Mr Vamanachari, **North :** Property belonging to Mr Vamanachari, **South :** Property belonging to Naramma. **Ower of the Property : S.K. Mohan Kumar & S.K. Sunil Kumar.**

You are here by called upon to pay Canara Bank, within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here in above, failing which Canara Bank will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Guarantors. The powers available to Canara Bank under theAct include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Guarantors/Mortgagor including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by Canara Bank shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business) any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date : 09.01.2026 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Canara Bank**

FEDERAL BANK
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The Federal Bank Ltd., Loan Collection and Recovery Department / Bangalore Division, No. 3, Church Street, 2nd Floor, MSR West Park, Bengaluru-560 001, Karnataka, Phone: +91 8095828647, Email: bgrlcrd@federalbank.co.in Website: www.federalbank.co.in, CIN: L65191KL1931PLC000368

E-AuctionSALE NOTICE

Name of the Borrower's	**1. M/S. Om Sai Transport,** No.152, 6th Cross, 1st D Road, Chokkasandra, T Dasarahalli Bengaluru Urban, Bangalore, Karnataka—560057. **2. Mr.Amarappa Basappa Byakod,** Punar Vasathi Colony, Manchanabele, Kadabagere Post, Seegehalli Gate, Kadabagere, Bangalore, Karnataka—562130. **3. Mrs. Byakod Kasthuribayi,** No.75, Punar Vasathi Colony, Kadabagere Post, Seegehalli Gate, Bangalore, Karnataka--562130.
Vehicles Registration Number & Make / Model :	EICHER PRO 2110 CBC 22FT , having Chassis Number MC2ERLRC0PLB09596, Engine Number E446CDPL085946, 2024 Model, Diesel,bearing Registration Number – KA 51 AK 2947.
Vehicle Location	M/s.Intact Auto Park,No.63, Sakamma Muniyappa layout, Channasandra main road, Hormavu post, Bangalore-560043.
Reserve Price	**Rs.6,80,000/-**
EMD :	**Rs.68,000/-.**
DETAILS OF SALE	
DATE AND TIME OF E -AUCTION	**22/01/2026 between 11 AM to 12.15 PM**
Last date for submission of online bid application with EMD	**On or Before 20.01.2026 before 5.00 PM..**
EMD Payment Details	**NEFT/ RTGS to Federal Bank Account No 17630051030003 (RTGS Payable A/C IFSC Code FDRL0001763**
Bid Multiplier	**Rs 5,000/-**
Inspection of Vehicle	**09-01-2026 To 19-01-2026 Contact Person Mr. Vinod Kumar Mobile – 7019672764**

For the further Details the intending bidders may contact The Federal Bank Ltd., Loan Collection & Recovery Department, Bangalore Division| No. 3 | 2nd Floor | MSR West Park| Church Street | Bengaluru | 560 001 | Karnataka | Phone: +91 8095828647 | Email: **bgrlcrd@federalbank.co.in** - M/s C1 India Private LTD E-auction help line no & e mail ID: 9891628914, 01244302000 Email: mannur.govindarajan@c1india.com and karnataka@c1india.com
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the website of The Federal Bank Ltd i.e. **https://www.federalbank.co.in/web/guest/tender-notices**

Date : 09-01-2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **The Federal Bank Ltd.**

The Madras High Court on Monday granted an interim John Doe order in favour of actor and Rajya Sabha member Kamal Haasan, restraining unknown persons and entities from commercially exploiting his name, image and other identifiable attributes without his consent

Vijay claims no role in stampede

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

QUESTIONED by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday regarding the Karur stampede last September in which 41 people died, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) leader Vijay said that he was not responsible for the crowd crush and had left the venue immediately to avoid further tragedy.

According to sources, during the six-hour-long interrogation at the agency's headquarters in New Delhi, Vijay was questioned on matters related to the rally and subsequent stampede, including the delay in his arrival to the venue at Velusamypuram and his decision to leave the place.

"He was asked to narrate the sequence of events that could have led to the stampede. He was also asked if he was aware of how congested the venue was and the expected footfall,"

TVK chief and actor Vijay leaves for Delhi from Chennai on Monday | PTI

6 HOURS OF GRILLING

an agency official told *TNIE*.

The Tamil superstar arrived at the heavily barricaded CBI headquarters at 11.30am. Sources said Vijay left for Delhi from Chennai at 7am on a chartered flight on Monday with some of his TVK colleagues. The agency had already questioned several TVK office-bearers and former ADGP (law and order) S Davidson Devasirvatham.

Vijay will be called again for questioning in the case and his statements will be cross-examined with other eye-witness accounts, the CBI source said.

"We wanted him to come again on Tuesday for another round of questioning, but the actor sought another date citing the upcoming Pongal festival. We agreed to his request and a fresh date will be given to him," the agency said.

He left the CBI headquarters at 6.15 pm. Around 50 of his fans had arrived at the heavily-barricaded office. Vijay denied the charges, calling them a "conspiracy" by the ruling DMK, and blamed the police for poor crowd management.

'JANA NAYAGAN' MAKERS MOVE SC

New Delhi: The makers of Vijay-starrer 'Jana Nayagan' moved the Supreme Court on Monday, challenging an interim order of the Madras High Court that had stayed a single-judge direction to grant the CBFC clearance to the film. 'Jana Nayagan', earlier scheduled to hit the screens on January 9, could not be released due to the two-judge bench stay order on it. "The matter is very sensitive and therefore the SC will take it up very soon, maybe less than a week," a source told TNIE. **ENS**

FESTIVE BASH

People buy kites ahead of Sankranti in Visakhapatnam on Monday | G SATYANARAYANA

SHIFT IN CHOICE

Govt to expand EV charging facilities in state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

LARGE and Medium Industries Minister MB Patil on Monday said thousands of charging stations have been established across Karnataka, and the government will expand the electric vehicles (EV) infrastructure further as the automobile market is seeing a rapid shift towards EVs.

Patil handed over the Yamaha EC-06 electric scooter, manufactured by Karnataka-based River Mobility under an industrial partnership promoting local production, to the globally renowned Yamaha company at its Bengaluru facility on Monday. While Yamaha shares its brand and expertise, River handles the actual production.

"The commencement of local production of such two-wheelers, which make urban mobility eco-friendly, seamless and sustainable, marks a significant milestone in the State's industrial growth. It reflects Karnataka's progress in building future-ready mobility systems," said Patil, who also inspected the company's infrastructure.

The facility will produce around 2,000 units annually. Each scooter will feature locally manufactured batteries capable of running up to one lakh kilometres and carries a 10-year warranty. Patil added that promoting local manufacturing will create substantial economic value by generating skilled employment, strengthening the local supply chain, and opening new opportunities for micro, small, and medium enterprises.

Bigg Boss team schooled on eagles and vultures

Bengaluru: Officials from the state forest department on Monday educated wildlife activists and Bigg Boss Kannada makers on the difference between eagles and vultures. Members of Save Vulture Group submitted a memorandum to the Ramanagara Forest Department officials on Monday, complaining against the Bigg Boss Kannada makers and actor Sudeep Sanjeev about a statement he had made on vultures. The activists stated that the actor asked contests during one of the tasks to identify people who have vulture-like characteristics – those who wait patiently for the right time and then suddenly capture its prey. **ENS**

2 MORE BANGLADESHIS ARRESTED, TOTAL 17 IN 2 WEEKS

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THE Hebbagodi police on Sunday arrested two Bangladeshi nationals for illegally staying in the city, bringing the total number of such arrests over the last two weeks to 17.

The two arrested on Sunday have been identified as Jahidul Islam (35) and Fairoz (32).

A senior police officer said as per preliminary investigation, the accused entered India through West Bengal and travelled to other cities before settling in Bengaluru. They were engaged in various jobs, including working as scrap dealers, construction workers and daily-wage labourers.

Acting on a tip-off, the police launched a search operation and initially arrested four persons. During questioning, the accused revealed information about others who had been brought in and were staying illegally. Subsequently, 17 persons have been arrested so far and booked under the Foreigners Act. They will be produced before the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer (FRRO) for further action.

The police added that the accused had obtained fake Aadhaar cards and other documents, and some of them had been staying in Bengaluru for the last five years.

Migrant worker assaulted over suspicion of being Bangladeshi

Mangaluru: A labourer from Jharkhand was assaulted in Mangaluru's Kavoor on Sunday after being falsely accused of being a Bangladeshi. The victim, Diljan Ansari, was reportedly targeted by four men who intercepted him around 6:30 pm and demanded he produce identity documents to prove his citizenship. Mangaluru City Police Commissioner Sudheer Kumar Reddy confirmed that Ansari is an Indian who has been working in Mangaluru for over a decade, typically spending four to six months in the city annually. The attackers-identified as Sagar, Danush, Lalu, and Mohan, allegedly escalated the confrontation. The group is accused of using Ansari's own work tools to strike him on the head. The assault was halted only after a woman intervened. The labourer initially fled to his residence without reporting the matter. The incident came to light only after local community leaders alerted the police. All the four accused are residents of Kulur and police are investigating reports that they are activists associated with the Bajrang Dal. **ENS**

Woman held for raising 'Jai Bangla' slogan

Bengaluru: The Hebbagodi police have arrested a woman for allegedly raising 'Jai Bangla' slogan during the demolition of sheds in Podu village in Hebbagodi. According to the FIR, a man who was recording a video asked the woman to raise 'Jai Bharat Mata Ki Jai'. However, the woman allegedly raised the slogan 'Jai Bangla'. After moving a little further, she was heard raising 'Jai Bharat Mata Ki Jai'. Police said the woman was arrested for allegedly raising the slogan with the intention of creating hatred and for hurting the sentiments of Indians. **ENS**

Failure noted after 425 seconds: ISRO team

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THE tension in the space centre was palpable when the computer screens tracking the rocket started to show errors. The vehicle started showing errors from 378th second of the launch and after 425 seconds the failure was noted. The rocket had then reached 374Km into orbit.

ISRO Chairman V Narayanan said, "The PSLV-C62/ EOS- N1 mission was attempted. The four stage vehicle had two solid and two liquid stages. The performance of the PSLV up to the third stage, the solid stage, was as expected. During the end of the third stage, we saw disturbances in the vehicle. Deviations from its designated flight path were observed. We are collecting and analysing data from all the ground tracking stations."

This the second consecutive failure of the PSLV, termed the workhorse of ISRO. It has been used in 63 flights in the past, including Chandrayaan-1, Mars Orbiter Mission, Aditya-L1 and Astrosat Mission. In 2017, the PSLV had also set a world record of launching 104 satellites in a single mission.

Monday's mission was important as it carried the EOS-N1 satellite developed by the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), also called as Anvesha. The advanced Earth Observation Satellite (EOS) was designed for strategic defence and civilian purposes.

It also included 15 commercial satellites from India and overseas -- EOS jointly built by Thailand and the United Kingdom, CGUSAT AND DSUSAT Technology Demonstration by University Students by Dhruva Space, MOI-1 satellite built by Dhruva Space and Takeme2-Space, Thybolt-3 by Dhruva Space, LACHIT by Dhruva Space and Don Bosco University, Munal by Antharkshya Pratishthan (Nepal) and Indian Ministry of External Affairs, Sanskar Sat built by Laxman Gyanpith (India), AyulSat by OrbitAid (India) and Kestrel Initial Technology Demonstration (KID) Capsule -- the re-entry capsule, Edusat, Uaisat, Galaxy Explorer, Orbital Temple and Aldebaran-1 built by AlltoSpace (Brazil).

This was the 64th flight of PSLV and fifth mission of PSLV-DL variant. The mission was also to demonstrate KID from a Spanish startup, which is a small-scale prototype of a re-entry vehicle being developed by the startup. KID was slated to be the last co-passenger satellite to be injected, after which it was slated to re-enter the earth's atmosphere towards splashdown in the South Pacific Ocean.

The ISRO team had also aimed to inject EOS-N1 and 14 co-passenger satellites into a Sun Synchronous Orbit and the KID Capsule into a re-entry trajectory. After injection of EOS-N1 and 14 satellites, ISRO had aimed for the fourth stage where the satellite was to be re-started to de-boost and enter a re-entry trajectory, followed by KID Capsule separation.

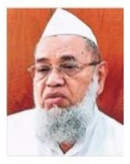
State Islamic scholar Rashadi dies at 75

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

ISLAMIC scholar and religious leader **Maulana Sagheer Ahmad Khan Rashadi**, widely regarded as one of Karnataka's most influential Muslim clerics, breathed his last on Monday following prolonged illness. He was 75.

Maulana Rashadi had held the position of Ameer-e-Shariat of Karnataka and served as Sheikh-ul-Hadith, earning deep respect for his scholarship and moral authority. He was the Principal of the Arabic College and Islamic seminary in Bengaluru, to which he devoted his entire life. Under his leadership, the institution emerged as a major centre of Islamic learning in the state, producing generations of scholars, teachers and community leaders.

Renowned for his deep command over Hadith, Fiqh and Islamic jurisprudence, Maulana Rashadi was also popular for his principled public interventions on matters affecting the Muslim community. In 2022, he drew statewide attention when he called for a peaceful bandh in response to the Karnataka High Court verdict on the hijab issue in educational institutions, urging restraint while asserting the right to religious practice. His appeal for non-violence and discipline during that period was widely noted.



Tributes have poured in from Islamic scholars, religious organisations, social activists and ordinary citizens, many of whom remembered him as a compassionate guide who combined traditional scholarship with social responsibility. Several leaders described him as a bridge between faith and contemporary challenges, and a steadfast voice during moments of uncertainty.

Funeral prayers are expected to be held on Tuesday morning at the Darul Uloom Sabeelur Rashad campus on Nagawara Main Road in Bengaluru, where thousands of mourners are likely to gather to pay their last respects. Rashadi's passing marks the end of an era in Karnataka's Islamic scholarship, but his legacy is expected to endure through the institution he nurtured and the countless students he mentored over decades.

EXPRESS READ

Anjali Convent and Nightingale High School celebrate Silver Jubilee

Bengaluru: Anjali Convent and Nightingale High School in Srinivasanagar, Sunkadakatte, have celebrated their Silver Jubilee ceremony, and meritorious SSLC students and teachers who helped achieve hundred per cent results were felicitated. The program was inaugurated by Sri Sri Nischalanandanatha Swami of Vishwa Vokkaligara Mahasamsthana Math. Sri Soumyanath Swami of Adichunchanagiri Mahasamsthana Math, Vijayanagar Branch, unveiled the silver jubilee commemorative "Prathibhanjali". President, S G Gowda; Principal B Krishnegowda; MLC Puttanna were present. **ENS**

Canara Bank pays ₹1 cr insurance to deceased MESCOM employee's family

Bengaluru: Canara Bank disbursed an insurance compensation of Rs 1 crore to the family of a Mangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (MESCOM) employee, who met with a fatal accident while working at the Belthangady unit recently. The cheque was handed over to the deceased, Vijesh Kumar's mother by the general manager of Canara Bank Circle Office Mangaluru Manjunath B Singai, in the presence of managing director of MESCOM Jayakumar R. MESCOM chairman H Harish Kumar, chief financial officer Muralidhar Naik, general manager Manjunatha Swamy, and were present. **ENS**

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY
MARINE DEPARTMENT
No. MD/ACCTS/WK/R-20/2025/1654 Date: 31/12/2025
Name of the Work : **HIRING OF 2nd BATTERY OPERATED ELECTRIC TUG OF 60T BOLLARD PULL (GREEN TUG TRANSITION PROGRAMME) INCLUDING MANNING, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE FOR A PERIOD OF 15 YEARS AT PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY & EXTENDABLE BY 02 MORE YEARS"** (This 2nd tug under GTTP is in addition to the 1st GTTP tug. 1st GTTP tug vide e-RFP No. MD/ACCTS/WK/R-20/2025/506, dt.15/04/2025 as amended vide e-RFP No. MD/ACCTS/WK/R-20/2025/828, dt.26/06/2025 is subject to the outcome of WP(C).33656/2025 & WP(C).33659/2025 and same is not being proceeded with in view of interim orders passed by Hon'ble High Court of Orissa). Estimated cost put to tender for hire charges of one year only: Rs.21,99,74,550/- excluding GST. Last date & time of submission of tender through on-line bidding is **15:00 Hours on 23/02/2026.** Date & time for opening of Technical Bid is **15:30 hours on dt.24/02/2026.** For further details, please log on to the Website: https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.
Sd/- Deputy Conservator, Paradip Port Authority
PPA/PR/62/2025-2026 dtd.09.01.2026

DOCUMENTS LOST
This is to inform the general public that my client **MANJULA** W/o Munirathna, residing at #147, 11th A Cross, 8th Main, Vyalikaval, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003, do hereby inform that in between 02-01-2026 and 03-01-2026, while she was travelling at Vyalikaval near her house, she have lost the bag containing original documents pertaining to the property as follows **1)** Sale Agreement, vide Doc. No. 1997/1960-62, dated 13-10-1960, pertaining to CITB Site No. 907, Vyalikaval, **2)** Allottment Letter, vide Doc. No. 1959-60, pertaining to CITB site No. 907, Vyalikaval, **3)** Memo, vide Memo. No. 49/1960-61, pertaining to CITB Site No. 907, Vyalikaval, **4)** Payment Receipts, dated 13/9/1960 and 13/10/1960, pertaining to CITB Site No. 907, Vyalikaval.
Inspite of her best efforts she could not trace the same and in this regard on 09-01-2026, she had lodged online complaint at Police Unit, Bengaluru City, vide Lost Report No. 2001637/2026.
If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the below said address within **7 days** from the date of this publication. If anybody misuse the above said documents, legal action will be taken against them.
HEMAVATHI .A, Advocate
No.7, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, 3rd Block, Kumarapark West, Bangalore-560 020
Mobile: 97403 70202

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my client intent to purchase & enter into sale deed with respect to schedule property with the present owner **Dheeraj Kadiyala, S/o K. Krishnaprasad,** residing at G-8, Charan Habitat, No. 24, Bellary Road, Ganganagar, Bangalore – 560032. Any person/s, financial institution, banks, having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien or interest in respect to the schedule property, may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with documentary evidence in support of their claim within **7 days** from the date of this publications. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right title & interest by anybody & my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction & thereafter no claims will be considered.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Flat No. G-8, on the **Ground Floor,** E-PID No. 7957618803, having super built up area **1045 Sq. Feet,** in the building known as **CHARAN HABITAT**, with one covered car parking, along with **334 Sq. Feet** of undivided share right title interest in the land, constructed on **property no. 24, Bellary Road, Gangenhalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** BBMP Ward No. 34 and bounded on : **East By: Road, West By: Road, North By: Private Property, South By: Private Property**
H.A.AMARNATH Advocate
#272, 2nd Block, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore 560032
Mob : 7899865859 / 7019329718
Bengaluru Date : 13-01-2026

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
Yelahanka, BANGALORE - 560 064
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in
Tender Notice No. RWF/M/OT/AMS/ 2025-26/74 Dated 10.01.2026
E-Tender: On behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer invites electronic tender in **two packet system** the following work online through the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** (Works).
Tender No.: RWF/M/OT/AMS/2025-26/74 **Dtd:** 10.01.2026. **Name of the Work:** Outsourcing the machining (Rough Turning / Semi Finishing) of 27557 Nos. of LHB Axles and machining (Rough Turning / Semi Finishing) of 8712 Nos. WAG-9 Axles at Firm's premises. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 37,06,48,333/-. **EMD:** Rs. 2,03,200/-. **Date & Time of Closing of Tenders:** 02.02.2026 at 10.30 Hrs. **Completion Period:** 15 Months.
The above Tender details can be viewed on our website **www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in.**
Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/AP

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ADMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026–2027 THROUGH CUET-PG
This is to inform all prospective candidates that the admission process for the Academic Year 2026–2027 will be conducted through the **Common University Entrance Test for Postgraduate Programmes (CUET-PG).**
All the candidates who wish to apply for the following postgraduate programmes at IIPS are required to appear for the **CUET-PG** exam:
1. **Master of Arts / Science in Population Studies**
2. **Master of Science in Biostatistics and Demography**
3. **Master of Science in Survey Research and Data Analytics**

The Institute provides a **Government of India fellowship of Rs. 5,000/- per month and hostel accommodation to** all the students admitted to these programmes.
For detailed information on the CUET process, programmes offered, eligibility criteria, and to submit your application, please click the link given below: **https://exams.nta.nic.in/cuet-pg/**
Director & Senior Professor (Additional Charge)

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
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E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9448441455
Landline No.(office): 080-25943663
#11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp: Trust Well Hospital, J. C. Road, Bengaluru – 560002
Ph No: 080 25943663,
Fax: 080 25943664
E-mail – sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
APPENDIX-IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-auction Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable Asset Under The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read With Proviso To Rule 8(6) Of The Security Interest (enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and the Borrower/Mortgager in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS" basis on **16.02.2026** for recovery of **Rs.30,48,782/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Two Only)** as on **04.01.2026** and interest from **05.01.2026** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru from the Borrower **Sri. Mohammed Afzal S/o Sri.Mohammed Noorulla.**
The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable properties to be sold will be as under:

Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Date & Time of e-Auction of property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.78,14,000/-	Rs.7,81,400/-	Rs.50,000/-	16.02.2026 11:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M	On or before 16.02.2026 up to 01.00 P.M

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
TENDER NO: SBI/NV/JR/2025-26/161 | PROPERTY ID: SBIN200009917026
SCHEDULE A PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Property bearing converted Survey No.100/2, Old Survey No.100, present BBMP Katha No.21, situated at Hormavu Agara Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, presently within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, {Converted for non-agricultural residential purposes, vide Conversion Order No. ALN(E) SR(KH) 64/2011-12 dated 23.08.2011, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore}, totally measuring 23 ½ Guntas, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East by :** Road & Sy No.95 belonged to Pillashetty, **West by :** Road & Sy No.99 belonged to Nanjundappa, **North by :** Sy No.101 belonged to Muniswamappa, **South by :** Road and remaining portion of same Sy No.100/1 (Old Sy No.100)
SCHEDULE B PROPERTY
486 Sq.feet undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule A above.
SCHEDULE C PROPERTY
Flat bearing No.410, in the Fourth Floor, measuring about 1585 Sq.feet super built up area, containing Three Bedrooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase etc, in the multistoried residential building known as "TRANQUIL GREEN" constructed over Schedule A Property, standing in the name of Sri.Mohammed Afzal S/o Sri.Mohammed Noorulla represented by his GPA holder Sri.Mohammed Noorulla S/o Sri.Mohammed Khasim.
THIRTY DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT, 2002
The Borrower/Mortgagor is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the property as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J.C Road, Bengaluru ie.,
1) http://www.baanknet.com
2) www.sbi.co.in
For further details regarding inspection of the properties the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer as mentioned above or Bank's Approved Resolution Agent, M/s Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore Representative: Sri. Chayapathy, Cell No.9901902500.
To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties.
Sd/-
Authorised Officer & Chief Manager,
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru.
Date : 06.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru

J.C. FLOWERS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED

Registered Office: 203-206, 2nd Floor, Wing A, Inspire BKC, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051, India
CIN: U74999MH2015PTC264081 | Ph. No.+91 22 6978 4100 | Email: teamjcfarc@jcfarc.com | website: www.jcfarc.com

NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
APPENDIX IV-A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Secured Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "SARFAESI Act") read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Co-borrower (s) and Mortgagor (s) as mentioned in column (i) in the below table, that the below described immovable properties as mentioned in column (ii) below, mortgaged / charged in favor of the J.C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Private Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of JCF ARC Trust 2024-25/31 ("Secured Creditor'), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer (AO) of Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "No recourse" basis, on February 02, 2026 between 11.00 AMto 02.00 PM** for recovery of the amounts mentioned in column (iii) herein below due to Secured Creditor together with further interest, costs and other expenses thereon. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are mentioned below for theproperty.

Details of Secured Asset put for Auction

Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Description of Property	Total Outstanding Dues as on July 28, 2021*	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
1. M. A. Prabhakar (Decreased) ("Borrower") 2. Mrs. M P Nirmala ("Co-Borrower") 3. Mr. Sai Brijesh ("Legal Heir of Decreased Borrower")	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.74/1, (old No. 74/198/4), Situated at 1stMain Road, Kempegowda Nagar, Chamrajpet, Bangalore 560019. Measuring East to West 28.6 feet and North to South 30 feet, with a Common passage measuring 45X6.6 feet and **bounded by:** East by: Shop bearing No.69, 70 & 71, West by: Property No.74, North by: Common Passage, South by: Private property. Together with building constructed thereon.	**Rs. 54,45,520.78 (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Forty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and Paise Seventy-Eight Only)**	**Rs. 63,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty-Three Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 6,30,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)**

* Dues outstanding as per the Demand notice under SARFAESI Act, 2002 dated July 28, 2021, together with further interest, costs and expenses thereon from July 29, 2021.
To the best of the knowledge of the Secured Creditor there are no known encumbrances on the above secured assets other than those of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are hereby advised to do their own due diligence related to the Secured Asset before submission of bid. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and the bid documents, please refer to the website: **https://www.jcfarc.comand/** or **https://www.auctionbazaar.com**
This notice is also a Fifteen days' notice to the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor under Rule 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2022.
Please note that in case of any discrepancies, the notice for sale published in English will be considered as final.

Date: January 13, 2026
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
For J. C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd.
Acting in its capacity as Trustee of JCF ARC Trust 2024-25/31

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Public Works Department)

Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division: Yadgir.

GSTIN:29BLR002252F1DR

No.EE/PWD/Divn/YDG/TS-1/e-Tender/2025-26/ 2476, Dated:09.01.2026

Short Term e-Tender Notification

1) Details of works: On behalf of Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Amendment 1999-2000 Act 2000 Standard Bid Document KW-1 and KW-4 Karnataka Public Works Department invited item Rate Tender under KPPP Portal in Two Cover System from Eligible Agency/Contractors for following works Under 8443 Deposit Contribution (Minority), 4202-Education and 4059 Appendix-E for the year 2024-25 Under Shorapur Taluka-(1)29228, (2)29229, (3)29230, (4)27945, (5)25550 and (6) 20314-call-2 Total 6 (Six) works Tender Called **2) Amount Put to Tender:** Minimum Rs 18.00 Lakhs and Maximum Rs.200.00 Lakhs **3) Contractor Eligible Details:** Civil Class-IV & Above **4) Tender Procesing Fee and EMD Details:**Tender Fee, EMD & Period as per kppp portal, **5) Last Date & Time for Tender Pre-Bid Meeting:** 20.01.2026 (11.30 hrs Onwards) **6) Last Date & Time for Tender queries/Clarification:** 23.01.2026 (Upto 17.30 hrs) **7) Last Date & Time for Reciept of the tender in e-KPPP portal:** 28.01.2026 (Upto 16.00 hrs) **8) Date & Time of Opening of the Tender/Technical Bid:** 29.01.2026 (16.30 hrs Onwards) **9) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid:** 31.01.2026 (11.30 hrs Onwards) **10) For More Details Contact:** Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division : Yadgir. **11) Website Address:** https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

NOTE: Any Corrections / Changes will be updated in the kppp Portal only

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Yadgir.

DIP/YDG/466/KSMC&A/2025-26

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

Notification - Recruitment of Sports Persons

No. KSEBL/SPOR/8/2025-S4 Dated; 07-01-2026

Application are invited from suitable candidates proficient in the following sports disciplines for appointment in Kerala state Electricity Board Limited under Sports Quota recruitment for the year 2026(Total vacancies-14 nos)

Basketball (Men)	-1	Football (Men)	-3
Basketball (Women)	-2	Badminton-Shuttle(Men)	-1
Volleyball (Men)	-2	Tennis (Men)	-1
Volleyball (Women)	-4		

Last date for Submitting the applications – 05-02-2026 before 5 pm For more details and application form visit **www.kseb.in**

Ref : PR/MC1/F374/2025-26

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

#109, Corporate Office, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560 004.
www.vcb.co.in, Email: corporate@vcb.co.in PH No.22956419/20

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule -8 (1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore** under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 06.11.2025 calling upon the borrower **M/s.Digital Add Sense Represented by its Partners: Sri Karthik Muniraju & Smt. Meghana Karthik Sri Muniraju. D – Property Owner & Guarantor, Smt.C. Vijaya - Guarantor W/o Muniraju** residing at No. 5151, "Vijayraj", Krishna Farm,Near Omkar Hills,Kengeri Post, Bangalore-560060 to repay the amount mentioned in the **Rs.1,49,07,295/- (Rupees One Crores Forty Nine Lakhs Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Five Only)** as on **31/10/2025** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this day the 12th day of January 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to charge of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** J P Nagar Branch, Bangalore–560070, for an amount of **Rs. 1,49,07,323/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Nine Lakhs Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Three Only) as on 31/12/2025** plus interest from together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the closure of loan account.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE-1: Property belongs to Sri.Muniraju.D, bearing No.5151, Khatha issued by BBMP, Khatha No.1131/1048/1063/1090/1121, situated at Sreenivasapura, Mylasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore-560 060, measuring East to West 90.6 feet and North to South 90.60 feet, totally measuring 8190 Sq. feet with building thereon and bounded on: East By: Road, West By: Property belonging to Sri.D.Krishnappa, North By: Remaining portion of owner's property, South By: Remaining portion of the owner's property.

SCHEDULE - 2: All that piece and parcel of the BBMP "B" Khatha property belongs to Sri.Karthik Muniraju bearing Sy.No.128/3, Re-Sy.No.128/4, BBMP PID No.128/4 (128/3), situated at Katteganahalli, Jala Hobli, 24th Cross, Near Ramakrishna Memorial School, Maruthinagar, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 064, measuring 9 guntas (out of 2 acres 36 guntas), i.e., 9801 Sq. feet and bounded on East by- Log Hissa Block No.1, West by- Venkatala Village Boundary, North by - Road, South by - Kogilu Village Boundary.

Date: 12.01.2026
Place: Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.

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Details of Secured Asset put for Auction

Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Description of Property	Total Outstanding Dues as on October 5, 2021*	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
1. Majestic Distributors ("Borrower") 2. Mr. Dhiraj Kejriwal ("Co-Borrower & Mortgagor") 3. Mrs. Nidhi Kejriwal ("Co-Borrower & Mortgagor") 4. Mr. Sushil Kejriwal ("Co-Borrower")	All that piece and parcel of the Residential apartment bearing Flat No. 1054, PID No. 55-771-20/19, inLevel-5 of Block – 1 of the building "Prestige South Ridge", havingbuilt up area of 2605 sq. ft., consisting of Three Bed-rooms, along with two covered car parking space, including 1524 sq. ft. undivided share, right, title, interest in Municipal No. 20 (Old no. 125/43), 4th Cross, Dattatreya Nagar, BBMP Ward No. 55, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore measuring 413682 sq. ft., East by: Property belonging to Kempegowda Society, West by: Public Road, North by: Property belonging to Bangalore Development Authority, and South by: Private properties earlier owned by Sri Lakshmaiah and Sri S. Narayana Rao.	**Rs. 3,14,60,421.20 (Rupees Three Crore Fourteen Lakh Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-One and Paise Twenty only)**	**Rs. 2,88,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty-Eight Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 28,80,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Eight Lakh Eighty Thousand only)**

*Dues outstanding as per the Demand notice under SARFAESI Act, 2002 dated October 5, 2021, together with further interest, costs and expenses thereon from October 6, 2021.
To the best of the knowledge of the Secured Creditor there are no known encumbrances on the above secured assets other than those of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are hereby advised to do their own due diligence related to the Secured Asset before submission of bid. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and the bid documents, please refer to the website: **https://www.jcfarc.comand/** or **https://www.auctionbazaar.com**
This notice is also a Fifteen days' notice to the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor under Rule 8(6) of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2022.
Please note that in case of any discrepancies, the notice for sale published in English will be considered as final.

Date: January 13, 2026
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
For J. C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd.
Acting in its capacity as Trustee of JCF ARC Trust 2024-25/31

J.C. FLOWERS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED

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NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
APPENDIX IV-A
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Secured Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "SARFAESI Act") read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Co-borrower (s) and Mortgagor (s) as mentioned in column (i) in the below table, that the below described immovable properties as mentioned in column (ii) below, mortgaged / charged in favor of the J.C. Flowers Asset Reconstruction Private Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of JCF ARC Trust 2024-25/31 ("Secured Creditor'), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer (AO) of Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "No recourse" basis, on February 02, 2026 between 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM** for recovery of the amounts mentioned in column (iii) herein below due to Secured Creditor together with further interest, costs and other expenses thereon. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are mentioned below for theproperty.

Details of Secured Asset put for Auction

Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Description of Property	Total Outstanding Dues as on October 5, 2021*	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
1. Satyanam Timbers ("Borrower") 2. Mr. Vijay Kumar G Patel ("Co-Borrower & Mortgagor") 3. Mrs. Meenakshi Patel ("Co-Borrower & Mortgagor") 4. Mr. Saurav Patel ("Co-Borrower")	**SITE NO.2:** All that piece and parcel of Site bearing No.2, V.P.Khatha No.69/7/2, Situated atThindlu village Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluka, measuring East to West 25ft, and North to South 108+117.5/2Sq.ft., in all measuring 2818.75 Sq. ft and **bounded on:** East by: Site No.3; West by: Remaining Owners Property & Gayathri's Property; North by: Road; South by: Water Tank **SITE NO:3:** All that piece and parcel of Site No.3, V.P.Khatha No.69/7/3, Situated atThindluVillage, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluka, measuring East to West 25 ft, and North to South 117.5 +127/2ft. in all measuring 3056 Sq.ft. and **bounded on:** East by: Smt.Muniyamma's Property; West by: Site No.2; North by: Road; South by: Water Tank.	**Rs. 3,89,64,277.40 (Rupees Three Crore Eighty-Nine Lakh Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Seven and Paise Forty Only)**	**Rs. 4,15,00,000/- (Rupees Four Crore Fifteen Lakh Only)**	**Rs. 41,50,000/- (Rupees Forty-One Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)**

*Dues outstanding as per the Demand notice under SARFAESI Act, 2002 dated March 21, 2023, together with further interest, costs and expenses thereon from March19, 2023.
To the best of the knowledge of the Secured Creditor there are no known encumbrances on the above secured assets other than those of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are hereby advised to do their own due diligence related to the Secured Asset before submission of bid. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and the bid documents, please refer to the website: **https://www.jcfarc.comand/** or **https://www.auctionbazaar.com**
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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Ca Vishwanath Rao/ Lalita Hegde/ LBBNG00002182417	Schedule "A" Property. (Description of The Property Taken Up For Construction of Multistoried Building) All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Bearing New Sy.No.223. (Old Sy.No.173) of The Converted Land To An Total Extent of 2 Acres, Vide Conversion Order No. Aln (A) (A) SR/107/2010-11 Dated 17/03/2010. Situated At Indlabele Village. Attibele Hobli. Anekal Taluk. Bangalore Urban District And Bounded on The: East By: Sarjapura Main Road: West By: Sy.No.173 North By: Sy.Nos. 180 & 181 South By: Sai Layout Schedule "B" Property. (Description of The Apartment Agreed To Be Purchased) A 2 Bhk Bedroom Apartment Flat No A 305 In The Third Floor of "A" Block In The Apartment Building Know As "Serenity" To Be Constructed on The Schedule "A" Property With Super Built-up Area Of 1007 Sq.ft With Exclusive Use of The Allotted Area With Right To Use of One Car Parking Space Together With All Common Area Attributable Thereto. Schedule-"C" Property. (Description of Undivided Shave In The Schedule "A" Property Agreed To Be Conveyed) 372 Sq.ft Undivided Share In The Schedule "A" Property. Date of Symbolic Possession On./ 07/01/2026.	23/09/2025 Rs. 6,75,319.10/-	Bangalore
2.	Propurban Advisory Services Private Limited/ Jaffer Ali/ Saira Banu / LBBNG00005175794/ LBBNG00005312913	Schedule Property All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Property Now Known As And Bearing Municipal No.5, Old No.852, Stiil Older No.33-A, Situated At 10th Cross, 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Gokul Extension, P.I.D. No.4 145-5, Bangalore- 560 054, Measuring: East: 40 Feet Plus 20 Feet; West: 60 Feet; North: 35 Feet; South: 20 Feet Plus 15 Feet; With Separate Passage Measuring 5×40 Feet (200 Square Feet) Running North To South From The Road on The Eastern Side Leading To The Schedule Property For Exclusive Use of The Donee. Totally Measuring 2,000 Square Feet or Thereabouts, Consisting of Ground And First Floors And Bounded As Follows: East By: Private Property; West By: Private Property; North By: Property Belonging To Sabiha Begum And Road; South By: Private Property./ Date of Symbolic Possession On./ 07/01/2026.	26/09/2025 Rs. 3,03,18,980.42/-	Bangalore
3.	D Venkata Kishore/ Dogiparthi Sowjanya LBBNG00003179464/ LBBNG00003179465/ LBHYD00005266435	Schedule 'A' Property All That Piece And Parcel of Portion of Residentially Converted Land Bearing Sy No.13 (Converted Vide Official Memorandum Dated 17/09/2004 Bearing No.BDS: Aln:S.R.(E)103/2004-05 Issued By The Office of Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), Doddarnekundi Village, Kr Puran Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Within The Jurisdiction of CMC, Mahadevapura, Ward No.29, Presently In BBMP Limits, Bangalore Measuring An Extent of 2 Acres 20 Guntas Out of 7 Acres 24 Guntas And Bounded As Follows: East By: Ramaiah Reddy's Land West By: Remaining Portion of Sy.No.13 North By : Remaining Portion of Sy.No.13 South By: Road Schedule 'B' Property An Extent of 857/108900 of Undivided Right, Title And Interest In Land Comprised In The Schedule 'A' Property Equivalent To 857 Sq. Ft.. Schedule 'C' Property All That Piece And Parcel of Apartment No1005 on The Tenth Floor, Mont Titlis Block of The Multi Storied Building Known As "Alpine Eco" Constructed And Erected on The Schedule 'A' Property i.e., Portion of Residentially Converted Land Bearing Sy.No.13, Doddanekundi Village, Ferncity Main Road, Alpine Avenue, Kr Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, The BBMP New Municipal Number 627/R.T.F/1005, (Old Municipal No.R.T.F/1005), Ward No.29, Presently In BBMP Limits, Bangalore With Details And Other Attributes Given Hereunder: Super Built-up Area : 3214 Sq.ft., Vitrified Tiles Flooring, Sal Wood Doors, Aluminium Windows Including Proportionate Share of Common Areas Attributable Thereto A Share In The Area of The Club House And Limited Access To Terrace Area, L.E., From The Lift Room To The Water Tank For The Purpose of Repairs, And Along With Two Covered Car Parking Space./ Date of Symbolic Possession On./ 07/01/2026.	04.08.2025 Rs. 1,20,19,154.90/-	Bangalore
4.	Sridhar M S/ Ravikumar T/ TBBNG00006118601	Schedule 'A' Property All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Property Being Residential Vacant Site No.31, (Bda Katha Si.No.Ro(E)/31/shanthinagar HBCS Ltd/ 2017-18, Dated 15-09-2017), Carved Out Of The Land Bearing Sy.No.12, Situated At Srinivagilu, Amanikere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, In The Layout Formed By The Shanthinagar House Building Co-operative Society Limited, Bangalore As Per The Plan Approved By The Bangalore Development Authority, Within The Limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 60 Feet, In All Measuring 2400 Square Feet Together With All Rights, Appurtenances Whatsoever Whether Underneath or Above The Surface And Bounded On; East By: Plot No. 30 West By: Plot No. 32 North By: Plot No. 24 & 25 South By: Road Schedule 'B' Property 320 Square Feet of Undivided Share, Right, Title And Interest of Land In The Composite Schedule 'A' Property. Schedule 'C' Property Two Bedroom Residential Apartment Bearing Flat No.f01, On First Floor, Having Super Built Up Area of 1220 Square Feet, Along With 320 Square Feet, In The Multistoried Residential Apartment Building Known As "Shree Lakshmi Paradise" To Be Constructed On The Schedule 'A' Property, Having RCC Roofed, Solid Blocks, UPVC Windows, Frames Teak Wood And Sal Wood Frames And Doors, Vitrified Tile Flooring, Vitrified Flooring Including Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Lift, Staircases, And Other Areas Of Common Use Along With One Covered Car Parking Area In The Stilt Floor./ Date of Symbolic Possession On./ 07/01/2026.	23/09/2025 Rs. 89,11,093.21/-	Bangalore
5.	Sunil Nair/ Swapna Sunil/ LBBNG00001403930	Schedule 'A' Property All That Piece And Parcel of Property Bearing Presently Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha Nos.28/1-1. 30/1-1 And 31/1-2 Measuring 27280 Sq.feet. Property, Bearing Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No.186/1-1, Measuring 30.590 Sq Fect. And Property Bearing Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No.105/1. Measuring 1.350 Sq. Feet, All The Properties Are Adjacent To Each Other Situated At Kaggadasapura. Ward No.83. Kr Puram Hobli. Bangalore, Measuring In All Measuring 59,220 Sq.ft. With All Rights, Appurtenances Whatsoever Hereunder or Underneath or Above The Surface. And Bounded As: East By: Road, Private Property Bearing No. 104 And 105; West By: Road, Private Property Bearing No. 186/2: North By: Private Property Bearing No.186/3 And 186/2: South By: Private Property Bearing Nos. 104 And 105: Schedule 'B' Property 358 Sq. Feet Undivided Right, Title And Interest In The Immovable Property Mentioned In Schedule A' Above (Proportionate To Built Up). Schedule 'C' Property Flat Bearing No.303, In Third Floor In Elm Block, Measuring 1105 Sq.feet Super Built Up Area. Containing Two Bed Rooms, Constructed With RCC Roofing. Ceramic Flooring And Honne Wood Doors And Wooden Windows Together With One Covered Car Parking Space, Alongwith Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Lift And Staircase Contained In The Multistoried Building To Be Constructed on The Schedule "A" Property Known As "Harshapride"./ Date of Symbolic Possession On./ 07/01/2026.	28/10/2025 Rs. 15,94,034.28/-	Bangalore
6.	Dharmendra Pandey/ Purnima Pandey/ LBBNG00002042229/ TBBNG00006577065	Schedule 'A' (Description of Entire Property) All That Piece And Parcel of Land Measuring (A) 572.70 Sq.mt Out of Total Extent of 14 Guntas In Survey Number 123; (B) 2584.18 Sq. Mt Out of Total Extent of 28 Guntas In Survey Number 124: (C) 1453.12 Sq. Mt Out of A Total Extent of 27 Guntas In Survey Number 125 And (D) 370.51 Sq. Mt Out of A Total Extent of 1 Acre 30 Guntas In Survey Number 119 In All Totally Admeasuring 4980.51 Sq. Mt Situated In Sanna Ammanikere Village. Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, And Bounded On The: East By: Balance Portion Of Survey No. 119. West By: Sy. No. 106 North By: Sy.No. 122 & Sy.No. 119(P) South By: Sy.No. 126 & Sy.No. 119 (P) Schedule 'B' (Undivided Interest Agreed To Be Sold In The Schedule 'A' Property) 9.29% of Undivided Share, Right, Title, Interest And Ownership In The Schedule 'A' Property Equivalent To 732 Square Feet or Approximately Equivalent To 68.00 Square Meter. Schedule 'C' (Description of The Apartment) A Residential Apartment Bearing No.206 Bearing Property No: 150300201900820702 On The 2nd Floor In Block 'C' of 'Crossgate' In The Schedule 'A' of The Development In The "House of Hiranandani Devanahalli" Having A Saleable Area of 1920 Square Feet or Approximately Equivalent To 178.38 Square Meter, Along With The Proportionate Share In The Common Areas Including Staircase, Lift Shaft, Lobbies, Corridors, Atriums And Covered Walkways of 'Crossgate', Together With (2) Two Covered Car Parking Spaces In Basement, Situated At Sanne Ammanikere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk And Bounded By: East: Apt C 205 West: Open Space North: Inner Chowk South: Open Space./ Date of Symbolic Possession On./ 07/01/2026.	23/09/2025 Rs. 36,73,048.94/-	Bangalore
7.	N R Srinatha/ Diyyala Swapna/ TBBNG00006387000/ TBBNG00006387001	Schedule 'A' Property All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Property Bearing Converted Sy.No.41, (Converted For Residential Purpose Vide Conversion Order No.BDS.ALN[E]SR [KR.HO]15/2009-10, Dated 11/09/2009, Issued By The Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., Bangalore), Situated At Sonnathammanahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Bangalore Easttaluk, Presently Under The Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, Totally Measuring 16 Guntas or 17,424 Sq.feet, And Bounded On The East By: Remaining Portion of Same Survey Number.41;west By: Road; North By: Remaining Portion of Same Survey Number.41; South By: Road; Schedule 'B' Proeprty 383 Sq.Feet Undivided Right, Title And Interest In The Immovable Property Mentioned In Schedule 'A' Above i.e., Proportionate To Built Up Area. Schedule 'C' Property Residential Flat Bearing No.007 Situated In The Ground Floor of The Building Known As "V4 Bliss", Having A Super Built Up Area of 1065 Sq.feet, Containing Two Bed Rooms, With RCC Roofing, Vitrifiedtiles Flooring Together With One Covered Car Parking Space Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies Swimming Pool,party Hall, Indoor Game Hall, Gym, Lift And Staircase Contained The Multistoried Building To Be Constructed On The Schedule 'A' Property./ Date Of Symbolic Possession On./ 07/01/2026.	11/07/2025 Rs. 61,24,772.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: January 13, 2026
Place: Bangalore & Mysore
Sincerely Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

ಪುರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹೊನ್ನಾಳಿ–577217 (ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ)

ಕ್ರಮಾಂಕ:ಪುಹೊ/ಕಿಅ/ಸಿಆರ್/11/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.01.2026

ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಪುರಸಭೆ ಹೊನ್ನಾಳಿಯ 2025–26ನೇ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಮೂಲ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರ/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಗಮಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನತೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ (KW-1, 2, 3 & 4) ನಿಯಮವಳಿಗಳಂತೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ವಿವರ:– 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಮೂಲ ಸೌಕರ್ಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆ:–** **(1)** CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD ANDP DRAIN BEHIND PRIVATE BUS STAND SAMPIGE ROAD IN TMC HONNALI (DMA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT53776) ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):–30.00 ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:–50800–00 ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:–06 ತಿಂಗಳು. **(2)** CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD AND DRAIN OF KSRTC ROAD AND HARIHARA ROAD QUATERS BEHIND IN WARD NO 20 OF TMC HONNALI (DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT53785) ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):–100.00 ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:–169250.00 ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:–06 ತಿಂಗಳು. **(3)** CONSTRUCTION OF CC DRAIN AND CD DURGIGUDI SOUTH NEW AMBEDKAR BHAVANA FRONT TO 10, 11, 12 CROSS AND DEVELOPMENT WORK AT AMBEDKAR BHAVANA IN TMC HONNALI (DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT53778) ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):–100.00 ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:–169340.00 ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:–06 ತಿಂಗಳು. **(4)** CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD AND DRAIN IN SANTE MAIDANA AND OTHER WORKS SOUROUNDING COMPOUND IN TMC HONNALI (DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT53788) ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):–140.00 ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:–178500.00 ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:–06 ತಿಂಗಳು. **(5)** CONTRUCTION OF THE PUBLIC TOILET AND BUS STAND NEAR DEVANAYAKANAHALLIT B CIRCLE KANAKA CIRCLE IN TMC HONNALI (DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT53834) (CAT II (A) RESERVED) ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):–30.00 ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:–24750.00 ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:–06 ತಿಂಗಳು. **(6)** DEVELOPMENT OF ROAD HIREKALMATA SUNKADAKATTE ROAD TO SAMUDAYA BHAVANA AND GANAPATI TEMPLE IN TMC HONNALI (DMA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT53787) (CAT 1 RESERVED) ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):–30.00 ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:–25100.00 ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:–06 ತಿಂಗಳು. **(7)** DEVELOPMENT OF ROAD FROM KEB ROAD TO BEHIND HERO SHOWROOM IN TMC HONNALI (DMA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT53786) (ST RESERVED) ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):–20.00 ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:–20800.00 ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:–06 ತಿಂಗಳು. **(8)** CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD AND PROVIDING PAVERS FROM TB CIRCLE TO WATER SUPPLY AND MUSLIM BURIAL GROUND IN DEVANAYAKANAHALLI IN TMC HONNALI (DMA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT53782) (SC RESERVED) ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ):–50.00 ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:–42200.00 ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:–06 ತಿಂಗಳು.

1) ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿ: 23–01–2026 ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–01–2026 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಪುರಸಭೆ ಹೊನ್ನಾಳಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.
3) ಅನುದಾನದ ಲಭ್ಯತೆ ತಕ್ಕಂತೆ ಕಾರ್ಯದೇಶವನ್ನು ನೀಡಿ ಕ್ರಮವಹಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಹೊನ್ನಾಳಿ. **ಸಹಿ/– ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಹೊನ್ನಾಳಿ.**

ವಾಸಾಇ/ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ/644/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch,
2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower,
M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001
Ph:080-25310066, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 31.01.2026 from 10.30 A.M. TO 11.00 P.M.,** for recovery of **Rs. 97,64,088.25/- (Rupees Ninety-Seven lakhs Sixty Four thousand Eighty Eight and Paise Twenty Five Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.01.2026 and other expenses** due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Sakthivel Natarajan,** No. 105 C Block 1st Floor, Purvi Lotus Apartment, Somasandrapalya Main Rd, Bangalore- 560068 **(2) Amrita Sakthivel,** No. 105 C Block 1st Floor, Purvi Lotus Apartment, Somasandrapalya Main Rd, Bangalore- 560068
The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through **RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **30.01.2026 - 5.00 pm.**

(₹.In Lakhs)

Lot	Description of the immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incre -mental Value
1	Apartment bearing Flat No. C-04, Ground Floor, C Block, "KINGS SQUARE" Apartment located in Property bearing Sy. No. 189, Situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District- 560035, East : Land belongs to Shivanajappa Sy no. 188, West : Property of Shivahanumanthappa in Sy No. 190, North : Land Belongs to Krishna Reddy in Sy No. 192, South : 40 ft road thereafter Sy. No. 79	₹. 42.75	₹. 4.28	₹. 1.00
2	Apartment bearing Flat No. B-04, Ground Floor, B Block, "KINGS SQUARE" Apartment located in Property bearing Sy. No. 189, Situated at Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District- 560035, East : Land belongs to Shivanajappa Sy no. 188, West : Property of Shivahanumanthappa in Sy No. 190, North : Land Belongs to Krishna Reddy in Sy No. 192, South : 40 ft road thereafter Sy. No. 79	₹. 42.75	₹. 4.28	₹. 1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, (Ph. No.9535093706 and 9039609346) during office hours on any working day.

Date : 12.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

IN THE COURT OF XXXIX CITY CIVIL & SESSION JUDGE AT BANGALORE

P & SC No. 645/2025

BETWEEN: 1. Miss K.V. NAGARATHNA, D/o Late K.S. Venkatarangan, Aged about 88 years, #Flat 102,Venkata Vihara 23, 12th Main, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560055. **2. Sri.S.N.VENKATA PRAHLAD,** S/o S.N.Prahlad, Aged about 57 years, #11/14, Divine, Nandhi Durga, Jayamahal Extension, Benson Town, Bangalore-560046. ... **PETITIONERS**
AND: NIL ... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS The Petitioners herein have filed The Petition Under Section 276 of The Indian Succession Act with prayer for grant of PROBATE ORDER in their favour with respect to the Petition Schedule mentioned herein below which was acquired by Miss Dr S.N.Leela also known as Secundrabad N.Leela who is Niece of 1st Petitioner and Nephew of 2nd Petitioner died on dated: 20-06-2012 Therefore if any interested persons have any claim / objections on Petition Schedule they are directed to appear before the Hon'ble court (CCH-40) in person or through their Advocate or duly authorized agent in support of their defense to show cause on **22-01-2026** at 11:00 A.M., without fail.

Sl No.	DESCRIPTION	Amount
1.	Indian Overseas Bank, Malleshwaram, Bangalore. Account No.032301000019716	6073680.18/-

If you fail to appear on the date fixed, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this court on 06-01-2026.
By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court at Bangalore.

GOWDA .H.V, Advocate
No.16, 1st floor, 14th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002.

KOTAK MAHINDRA PRIME LTD

Registered Office: 27BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051. Branch Office: 1st Floor 20,Uniworth Plaza, Sankey Road, Palace Gutta Halli, Bangalore-560020.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY/IES

Whereas the Authorized Officer of **Kotak Mahindra Prime Limited** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (in short 'SARFAESI Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice under Sec. 13(2) of SARFAESI Act calling upon the below-mentioned Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors/ Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being the amount due together with further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus all costs charges and incidental expenses etc. till the date of payment within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The following Borrowers/Co-borrowers/mortgagors/Guarantors having failed to repay the above said amount within the specified period. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Co-Borrower(s) that the authorized officer has taken over possession in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, which is to be sold by way of **auction on 30th January 2026** on the basis **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS", AND "NO RECOURSE BASIS"** for recovery of **Rs.53,50,605.43/- (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Fifty thousand Six Hundred And Five Rupees and Forty three paisa Only) as on 27th August 2024** with further interest from **27th August 2024** due to the **Kotak Mahindra Prime Limited,** (Secured Creditor) with further Interest and additional/Penal, due to the Kotak Mahindra Prime Limited under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

To, **1) Mr. Nagaraj S,** No.04, Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Nilaya, Behind Mother Terasa Memorial School, Tc Palya, Varanasi, Bangalore-560036, Karnataka, **Also at:** No,19, Old Property No.95, New Property No.30 Katha No. 95/30/19, Situated at B Narayanapura, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560016, Karnataka **(Borrower), 2) Mrs. Veena Nagaraj, Mr. W/o Nagaraj S,** No.04, Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Nilaya, Behind Mother Terasa Memorial School, TC Palya, Varanasi, Bangalore- 560036, Karnataka **(Co-Borrower).**

Date of 13(2) Notice: 27-08-2024; Date of Physical Possession: 15-11-2024;

Secured Debt Amount: Rs. 53,50,605/- as on 27-08-2024 with further interest & Cost from 28-08-2024

Reserve Price: Rs.83,00,000/-;

Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.8,30,000/- (10% of the Reserved Price)

Multiplier Amount: Rs.10,000/- & Above (bid increment)

Date & Time of Inspection: 27-01-2026 to 28-01-2026 - 10.00 AM to 05.00 PM.

Last Date & Time for Submission of EMD along with requisite documents: 29-01-2026 - on or before 5:00 PM

Date & Time for Auction Sale: 30-01-2026 - 02.00 PM to 04.00 PM

Auction Portal Name: https://kotakbank.auctiontiger.net.

Property Address: No.19, Old Property No.95, New Property No.30 Katha No. 95/30/19, Situated at B Narayanapura, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560016, Karnataka.

Schedule of the Secured Property/ies: All that piece and parcel of the Plot area 1200 Sq.ft of the undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land in Scheduled property. Residential Property Bearing site No.19, Old Property No.95, New Property No. 30, Katha No. 95/30/19, Situated at B Narayanapura, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560016 bounded by: **East:** Residential House No.18, **West:** Residential House No. 20, **North:** 17 Feet CC Road, **South:** Residential Property. Together with all buildings and structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easementary/mamool rights annexed thereto.

1) All Interested participants/bidders are requested to visit the website **https://kotakbank.auctiontiger.net & https://altumcredo.co.in/SARFAESI.** For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may Contact **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd.;** Contact **Mr. Ram Sharma Contact number: 8000023297. email id: ramprasad@auctiontiger.net, support@auctiontiger.net**

2) For further details on terms and conditions please visit **https://altumcredo.co.in/SARFAESI & https://kotakbank.auctiontiger.net** to take part in e-auction.

THIS IS ALSO A STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Terms & Conditions: 1) The particulars in respect of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset specified hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the Authorised Officer / **Kotak Mahindra Prime Limited.**

2) However, the Authorised Officer / **Kotak Mahindra Prime Limited** shall not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The Bidders are therefore requested in their own interest, to satisfy themselves with regard to the above and all other relevant details / material information pertaining to the abovementioned Immovable Property / Secured Asset, before submitting the bids.

3) Statutory dues like property taxes / cess and transfer charges, arrears of electricity dues, arrears of water charges and other charges known and unknown in respect to the secured assets being sold, shall be ascertained by the Bidder beforehand and the payment of the same shall be the responsibility of the buyer of Secured Assets.

4) Wherever applicable, it is the responsibility of buyer of Secured Assets to deduct tax at source (TDS) @ of 1% of the total sell consideration on behalf of the resident owner (seller) on the transfer of immovable property having consideration equal to Rs.50 Lacs and above and deposit the same with appropriate authority u/s 194 I/A of Income Tax Act.

5) Sale is strictly subject to the Terms, Conditions and Disclaimers stipulated in the prescribed E-Auction Bid Document, Offer Acceptance Letter, Public Notice, terms and conditions mentioned hereinbelow and any other related documents.

6) Secured Asset is available for inspection on **2701-2026 to 28-01/2026-10.00 AM to 05.00 PM.**

7) E-Auction Bid Document can be obtained on-line from the website **https://kotakbank.auctiontiger.net** or can be obtained at Address-1st Floor, 20, Uniworth Plaza, Sankey Road, Palace Guttahalli, Banaglore-560020, India, Kotak Mahindra Prime on any working day during office hours

8) For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the E-Auction bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd.; Contact Mr. Ram Sharma Contact number: 8000023297. email id: ramprasad@auctiontiger.net** , **support@auctiontiger.net** or **Mr. Soundarapandi M - +91-7010723382 / Mr. Somaiah P - Ph: +91 76193 59849 Authorised Officer** of **Kotak Mahindra Prime Ltd.**

9) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be deposited by the bidders through Demand Draft / Pay Order in Favour of **"Kotak Mahindra Prime LTD"** payable at par in sealed envelope and shall be submitted at **Kotak Mahindra Prime Limited, No.20, 1st Floor, Uniworth Plaza, Sankey Road, Palace Gutta Halli, Bangalore-560020, India.**

10) Minimum **bid increment amount is Rs.10,000/-** of Published Sale Notice

11) The offer amount (to be mentioned in e-auction Bid document) shall be above Reserve Price and bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Bid incremental amount indicated above.

12) E-Auction Bid Document duly filled in along with the details of payment of EMD shall be submitted at **Kotak Mahindra Prime Limited, No.20, 1st Floor, Uniworth Plaza, Sankey Road, Palace Gutta Halli, Bangalore-560020.**

13) The last date of submission of bids in prescribed e-auction Bid Documents with all necessary documents and EMD in stipulated manner is **29-01-2026 on or before 5:00 PM.**

14) Incomplete E-Auction Bid Document or bids with inadequate EMD amount or bids received after the date indicated at Sr. No 13 hereinabove shall be treated as invalid.

15) Conditional offers shall be treated as invalid.

16) M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd.; Contact Mr. Ram Sharma Contact number: 8000023297. Email id: ramprasad@auctiontiger.net, support@auctiontiger.net would be assisting the Authorized Officer in conducting the auction through an e-bidding process.

17) Upon receipt of Bid with the necessary documents as mentioned therein and in the sale notice within the stipulated date and time mentioned above, a password/ user ID will be provided by themselves through the Registration Process in the Web Portal **(https://kotakbank.auctiontiger.net)**. For any query or assistance, bidders are advised to contact **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd.; Contact Mr. Ram Sharma Contact number: 8000023297. Email Id: ramprasad@auctiontiger.net, support@auctiontiger.net** or necessary trainings on e-bidding Process to eligible bidders / prospective purchasers to participate in the online auction.

18) Necessary trainings will be provided by **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd (Auction Tiger)** for the purpose.

19) The auction by way of e-bidding will be conducted on the date and time indicated in **Column (G).**

20) The Immovable Property/Secured Asset shall not be sold below the Reserve Price.

21) On sale of the property the purchaser shall not have any claim of whatsoever nature against Kotak Mahindra Prime Ltd or its Authorised Officer.

22) The e-bidding would commence and end at the time indicated in **Column (G)** above. However, if a bid is received 5 minutes prior to the closing time indicated therein, it would get extended by five minutes every time a bid is offered. The auction would end if there is no bid for a period exceeding five minutes.

23) It shall be at the discretion of the Authorised officer to cancel the auction proceeding for any reason and return the EMD submitted and **Kotak Mahindra Prime Ltd (KMPL)** will not entertain any claim or representation in that regard from the bidders.

24) The Authorized officer has the absolute right to accept or reject the highest and / or all Bid(s) or postpone or cancel the sale, as the case may be without assigning any reasons thereof and also to modify any of the terms and condition of this sale without prior notice.

25) The sale shall be conferred on the highest bidder subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor i.e. **Kotak Mahindra Prime Ltd (KMPL)**

26) EMD of successful bidder shall be adjusted and for all other unsuccessful bidders, the same shall be refunded within **10 days** from the date of Auction. The Earnest Money Deposit will not carry any interest.

27) Along with Bid Documents the Bidder(s) should also attach his/her photo identity proof such as copy of the passport, election commission card, ration card, driving license, copy of the PAN card issued by the Income Tax department etc. and the proof of residence countersigned by the bidder herself/himself.

28) The successful bidder shall be required to pay 25% of the offer amount (including the amount of EMD) immediately **i.e. on the same day or not later than next working day, as the case may be (as per the amended provisions of Rule 9(3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)** on confirmation of offer acceptance by **Kotak Mahindra Prime Ltd,** failing which the EMD amount remitted will stand forfeited. The balance 75% of offer amount shall be paid within 15 days of confirmation of sale by the Authorised officer. If the balance amount is not remitted within stipulated time the amount of 25% will stand forfeited as per the amended provisions of Rule 9(4) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Note: Bidding in the last minute and second should be avoided in bidders' own interest. Neither **Kotak Mahindra Prime Ltd** nor the service provider shall be responsible for any lapses / failure (Internet failure, Power failure etc.) on the part of the vendor. In order to ward-off such contingent situation bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back-up power supply or whatever required so that they are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Place: Bangalore **For Kotak Mahindra Prime Ltd.,**
Date: 13-01-2026 **Authorised Officer.**

SBI

Hoodi Branch (16234)
#325, Hoodi Main Road, Mahadevapur Post, Hoodi, Bengaluru - 560048

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given for the information of, concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with **State Bank of India, Hoodi Branch (16234)** of the borrower have not returned the amount, after issued the Notice also. It will be Auctioned on **22.01.2026 by 4 PM** with present market price, in SBI Branch. For More details Contact: 9631014732, 9704593550.

Customer Name	Loan Account	Amount Outstanding	Net Weight in Gms.	Gross Weight in Gms.
Mr. Raghunath Patil	43797644121	Rs.30,000/-	6.00	6.90

Date : 12.01.2026 **Sd/-**
Place : Bangalore **Branch Manager**

Can Fin Homes Ltd.

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS • DEPOSITS Translating Dreams into Reality
CIN : L85110KA1987PLC008699

CIN No : L85110KA1987PLCOO8699
148/E, Sri Siddalingeshwara Towers, 17th Main, East of Chord Road, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-40.
Phone : 080-23404965 / 23359162/9743340311
Email: vijayanagar@canfinhomes.com

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties
APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 9 (1)]

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Can Fin Homes Ltd., Vijayanagar Branch,** will be sold by holding E-Auction on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **03-02-2026,** for recovery of **Rs. 26,77,222/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Two Hundred And Twenty Two Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. Shivaram M (Borrowers)** and **Mrs. Chinamma (Co-Borrowers),** as on 12-01-2026, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be **Rs. 1,53,00,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifty Three Lakh Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 15,30,000/-** (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)

Description of immovable property : All that piece and parcel of the vacant Site No. 2108, Block VIII, Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 18 mtrs, North to South : 12 mtrs, totally measuring 216 sq.mt and **bounded on : East by :** Road, **West by :** Private property, **North by :** Site No. 2109, **South by :** Site No. 2107.
Known encumbrance if any: NIL

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of **Can Fin Homes Ltd., https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx**

Link for participating in e-Auction : www.bankeauctionwizard.com

Date: 12.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place: Bangalore. **Can Fin Homes Ltd.**

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ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಉದ್ಯಮ भारत सरकार का उपक्रम A Government of India Undertaking
ಸಿಂಡಿಕೇಟ್ सिंडिकेट Syndicate

Asset Recovery Management Branch-II
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No. 86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Telephone numbers 080-25310099, 080-25310181 - e-mail - cb6298@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Ref:6298/SARFAESI/ARM II/427/2025-26 **Date: 12.01.2026**

Borrower/s : Sri. Srinivas Murthy Gopalaiah S/o Late K B Gopalaiah
No.6, Samswara, 50ft Road, Pramoda Layout Near Anjaneyaswamy Temple Bangalore-560039
Gurantor : Sri Murali Gowda S/o Sri Prakash Gowda
No K 104, Purvankara High Land, Mallasandra Village Kanakapura Road Bangalore-560012
Builder : M/s Samruddhi Realty Ltd Rep By Its Authorised Signatory
K. Madhusudhan Having Its Registered Office At "the Landmark", No 21/15,4th Floor, MG Road Bangalore-56001.
Land Owner Made Agreement With Builder : Smt Mahalakshmi Ramakrishnan @smt Mahalakshmi Mudaliar W/o Sri V N Ramakrishnan, No 20, Ulsoor Cross Road Bangalore-560008

Dear Sir,

Sub : Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank ARM II branch(hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That Sri Srinivas Murthy Gopalaiah, (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the **Schedule A** hereunder and have entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above mentioned agreements.

That **Sri Murali Gowda** (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor"), has guaranteed the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to the secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities **(Fund based / Non Fund Based) up to the limit of Rs. 2,93,73,295.87- (Rupees Two Crores Ninety Three Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred And Ninety Five And Paise Eighty Seven Only) as on 12.01.2026** with interest thereon.

Sri Srinivas Murthy Gopalaiah, M/s Samruddhi Realty LTD rep by its Authorised Signatory K Madhusudhan, SMT Mahalakshmi Ramakrishnan @Smt Mahalakshmi Mudaliar have also entered in to agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder. However, from Oct 2020 the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured assets shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on 12.01.2026 amounts to **Rs. 2,93,73,295.87- (Rupees Two Crores Ninety Three Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred And Ninety Five And Paise Eighty Seven Only) as on 12.01.2026 + further Interest and charges thereon,** the details of which together with future interest rate are stated in **Schedule C** hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Guarantor having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given, and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility/ies having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ instalment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as **Non-Performing Asset (NPA) as on 07.01.2021** in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in **Schedule C** hereunder to the secured creditor **within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.** Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of mentioned in **schedule C** together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum **Rs. 2,93,73,295.87- (Rupees Two Crores Ninety Three Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Two Hundred And Ninety Five And Paise Eighty Seven Only) as on 12.01.2026** together with further interest **(as stated in schedule C)** and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:

13(4)- In case the Borrower/Guarantor fails to discharge liability in full within the period specified in sub-section (2), the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures to recover his secured debt, namely;

(a) Take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/Guarantor including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset;

(b) Take over the management of the business of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset:

Provided that the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale shall be exercised only where the substantial part of the business of the Borrower is held as security for the debt;

Provided further that where the management of whole of the business or part of the business is severable, the secured creditor shall take over the management of such business of the borrower which is relatable to the security for the debt and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

You are also put on notice that in terms of **Section 13(13) the Borrower/Guarantor shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor.** It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/ restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the secured creditor. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income.

This notice of Demand is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the secured creditor may have including further demands for the sums found due and payable by you.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the Act and/or any other law in force.

Please comply with the demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of Non-compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequence.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully,
AUTHORIZED OFFICER

SCHEDULE –A
[Details of the credit facilities availed by the Borrower]

Sl No	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of sanction	Sanctioned Amount (Rs.)
1	3800619000036	HOUSING FINANCE	30.11.2016	1,80,00,000

SCHEDULE –B
[Details of security assets]
Details of Immovable Assets

Sl No	Nature	Name of the Title Holder
1	All that piece and parcel of residential plot/unit bearing No 20situated in the property known as "Samruddhi lake Drive" in all measuring 2000sqft divided site area, 1647sqft of proportionate undivided land area(commom areas) and 3200 Sqft of super built up area of unit (including proportionate constructed civic amenities club, commom area etc) with all rights appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded as the following East by Unit no 21, West by Unit No 19, North by Private Garden and South By Drive Way.	Tripartite Agreement And Joint Development Agreement

SCHEDULE – C
[Details of liability as on date 19.08.2025

Sl No	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Principal as on date 12.01.2026	Interest and other charges as on date 12.01.2026	Total Liability as on date 12.01.2026
1	3800619000035	HOUSING FINANCE	1,79,23,220.68	1,14,50,075.19	2,93,73,295.87

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

MADURAI DIVISION

TENDER NOTICE NO: U-TRD-OT-25-26-XIV Dated 09.01.2026

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, Southern Railway, Madurai - 625016 invites E-Tenders from reputed contractors for the under mentioned works.

Sl. No	Tender No & Name of the Work	Approx. Tender Value (₹)	Bid Security (₹)	Cost of Tender Form (₹)	Tender Closing Date	Completion Period
*1.	**U-TRD-OT-25-26-XIV-1:** MDU Division - Provision of Power Quality Restorers for AC Traction Systems at the Traction Substations in Palani, Gomangalam, Manamadurai and Ramanathapuram.	16,01,58,000.00	9,50,800	NIL	11.02.2026 & 15.00 hours	24 Months
*2.	**U-TRD-OT-25-26-XIV-2:** Painting of TRD assets over Madurai Division for the period of three years.	3,93,81,532.20	3,46,900	11,200	02.02.2026 & 15.00 hours	36 Months

***Eligibility criteria is applicable for these tenders.**

For details interested persons may kindly be log on to website at **https://www.ireps.gov.in/** For eligibility criteria, other details, terms and conditions, the tenderers are advised to refer to the documents uploaded. All Addendum/Corrigendum, Time extension, Clarifications, etc. will be uploaded in the website only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

Divisional Railway Manager (Traction Distribution), Southern Railway, Madurai - 625016

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Civil Engineering Department, Central Office, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560027.

No.BMTC/CO/CE/EE/1465/2025-26 **Dated: 12.01.2026**

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 11 /2025-26

Tenders are invited for the works of **(1)** "Hardening, Asphalting to Vacant land (KSRTC Land), Construction of Storm water drain with Kerb and Providing Portable Container cabin rest room with Toilets at Attibele Bus station"- **Amount put to tender: Rs. 64.25 Lakhs and EMD: Rs. 1,28,500/-, (2)** "Providing Barbed wire fencing to vacant land at Sy No. 6/11 and 6/12, 10th block, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru" - **Amount put to tender: Rs. 5.00 Lakhs and EMD:Rs. 12,500/-, (3)** "Providing Asphalting to Drive ways, essential Repair and improvement works at Banashankari TTMC, Bengaluru" - **Amount put to tender : Rs. 8.50Lakhs and EMD: Rs. 21,250/-, (4)** "Providing essential repairs and improvement works to Employees Quarters at Kannalli, Bengaluru" - **Amount put to tender: Rs. 8.50 Lakhs and EMD: Rs. 21,250/-, (5)** "Providing essential repairs and improvement works to Employees Quarters at Jigani, Bengaluru" - **Amount put to tender: Rs. 8.50 Lakhs and EMD: Rs. 21,250/-, (6)** "Providing essential repairs and improvement works to Employees Quarters at Bidadi, Bengaluru" - **Amount put to tender:Rs. 8.50 Lakhs and EMD: Rs. 21,250/-, (7)** "Asphalting to damaged parking area at old town Bus station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru" - Amount put to tender: **Rs. 5.52 Lakhs and EMD: Rs. 13,800/-, (8)** "Repairs and Maintenance to Sewage Treatment Plant of ITPL TTMC at Depot-18, Bengaluru" - Amount put to tender: **Rs. 12.35 Lakhs and EMD: Rs. 31,000/- and (9)** "Deployment of Housekeeping for upkeepment of General Toilets, Hostel Toilets and floor cleaning and other works at BMTC DTI, Vaddarahalli, Bengaluru **(For One year) (Call-3)" - Amount put to tender:Rs. 4.58 Lakhs and EMD: Rs. 11,500/-.** Participating bidders shall refer thee-procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for details. Any other information required can be obtained from this office. **Last date for receipt of tenders: 23.01.2026. Date of opening of Tender: 27.01.2026.**

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, BMTC.

Government of Karnataka

MINOR IRRIGATION AND GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Jayanagar Shopping Complex, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011

No. EE/MI & GWD Div/Bng/AE-1/Transation Advisory/2025-26/117 Datd : 09.01.2026

REQUEST FOR PRPOSAL SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Bangalore has invited tenders from Empanelled Transaction Advisors through KPP - Portal for the below mention service. The tender procedure as per KTPP Act and Standard Tender Document shall be followed. The empanelled bidders are requested to submit tenders through KPP portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** as follows:

Name of the work: 1) Selection of Consultant for Providing Transaction Advisory Services for Lake Rejuvenation & Sustainable Development in Urban districts (15 tanks) **2)** Selection of Consultant for Providing Transaction Advisory Services for Lake Rejuvenation & Sustainable Development in Rural districts (1) (15 tanks) **3)** Selection of Consultant for Providing Transaction Advisory Services for Lake Rejuvenation & Sustainable Development in Rural districts (2) (10 tanks) - in the State of Karnataka.

Period of Completion: 12 Weeks including Monsoon,

(1) Request For Proposal (RFP) will be Published through KPP - Portal : **09/01/2026 from 16.30 Hrs, (2)** Last Date & Time for Queries/Clarifications : **16/01/2026 upto 14:00 Hrs (3)** Pre bid meeting date and Venue : **16/01/2026 @ 15:00 Hrs** : Office of the Superintending Engineer Office, Jayanagara 4th Block, Shopping Complex, Bangalore. Email-id: **semibng@gmail.com**

1) Last Date & Time for receipt of Request For Proposal : **20/01/2026 @ 15:00 Hrs.** 2) Date & Time for Opening of Request For Proposal : **21/01/2026 @ 15:30 Hrs.** All the details of this particular tender are uploaded in **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** further for any clarification contact concerned department telephone no: **080-26632884.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
M.I. & G.W.D. Division

DIPR/CP/4989/SSC/2025-2026

Karnataka Food & Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.

(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No.16/I, MILLERS TANK BED AREA, BANGALORE-560 052
Ph: 080-2226 0932 / 2209 6555 / 2209 6512
E-mail: mdkfcsc@yahoo.com

No.KFCSC/PROC/TARP/09/2025-26/3466 **Date: 12.01.2026**

NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Bengaluru invites Tender "KFCSCL/2025-26/IND0007" for **"Supply of Tarpaulins to District offices of KFCSC LTD.,"** from eligible suppliers/bidders. For further information kindly visit KPPP Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. The Managing Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
General Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners **Sri.LALITH KUMAR** S/o late Bhikamchand and his wife **Smt.MANISHA.S,** both residing at: No.80/257, 53rd Cross, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru – 560010.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.80, (CITB/BDA Site No.257), PID No.22-18-80, New E.PID No.1658156444, measuring East to West 30ft and North to South 40ft, together with a building thereon, situated at 53rd Cross, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore and bounded on:

East By : Site No.258
West By : Road
North By : Site No.276
South By : Road

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND,**
Advocate,
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES,
No.60, 2nd Floor, Old Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004

BENGALURU SOUTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, Kudlu Division,
Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli,
Bengaluru - 560 068.

No:BSCC/EE/KD/Tend-03/2025-26 **Date: 12-01-2026**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Two Cover Tender)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Executive Engineer, Kudlu Division, South Zone-2, BSCC, Bengaluru-68 invites tenders from eligible contractors registered In Bengaluru South City Corporation, Bengaluru or equivalent registration with KPWD/CPWD/ BWSSB/MES/Railways/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl No.	Name of the works
1.	Improvements to existing asphalted road by resurfacing with proper camber, shoulder formation side drain improvement and road safety measures to selected arterial, sub arterial and other important roads under Capital Support for Special Infra Projects (CSSIP) (Comprising of 4 works in GO BSCC Sl. No. 34,50,49, 78) Package No. CSSIP BH-03. (2nd Call) **Amount Put to Tender ₹. 799.10 Lakhs, EMD in (One Lakh to be transferred through e-Portal & remaining amount to be provided in the form of BG/DD/FDR): ₹. 11,98,650.00**

Calendar of Events :(1)Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **22-01-2026** upto **4:00** pm. (2) Tender Documents can be Downloaded from **13-01-2026**. (3) Pre Bid meeting will be held on **15-01-2026** at **11:00** am. (4) Last Date for Submission of tender documents on or before **22-01-2026** at **4:00** pm. (5) Technical Bids will be opened on **23-01-2026** at **4:30** pm onwards

Sd/-
Executive Engineer - Kudlu Division

Karnataka Public Work Department

(A Government of KarnatakaEnterprises) O/O Executive Engineer PWD Division, Hosapete, Dist:-Vijayanagara

No:EE/PWD/Dn/Hosapete/TND/ /2025-26/3361 **Date:- 08.01.2025**

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Tenders are invited by undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara Dist, for the works notified in the statement below. The bid shall be in One or Two Cover system namely technical bid and financial bid through KPP Portal, following the link **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)	Sl. No	Work Indent No	Estimate Cost (Rs in Lakhs)
RESERVED FOR SC-CATOGERY					
1	PWD/2025-26/BR/WORK_INDENT31295	8.50	6	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT29511	5.00
2	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT29668	100.00	7	PWD/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT30860	1.50
3	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT29670	15.00	8	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT28525/CALL-2	50.00
4	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT31420	3.00	9	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT29434/CALL-2	50.00
5	PWD/2025-26/BR/WORK_INDENT32146	30.00	10	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT28522/CALL-2	50.00
RESERVED FOR ST-CATOGERY					
11	PWD/2025-26/BR/WORK_INDENT29226	3.00	13	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT28446/CALL-2	50.00
12	PWD/2025-26/BR/WORK_INDENT31679	5.00			
RESERVED FOR CATOGERY-2A					
14	PWD/2025-26/BR/WORK_INDENT31297	5.15	18	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT29523	8.00
15	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT30919	4.00	19	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT28523	100.00
16	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT30786	35.74	20	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT29029	50.00
17	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT31676	10.00			
RESERVED FOR CATOGERY-1					
21	PWD/2025-26/BR/WORK_INDENT31508	4.35	22	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT29336/CALL-2	6.70
GENERAL					
23	PWD/2025-26/BR/WORK_INDENT31318	7.50	38	PWD/2025-26/BR/WORK_INDENT30233	3.00
24	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT30911	5.00	39	PWD/2025-26/BR/WORK_INDENT31735	6.00
25	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT30909	10.00	40	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT28300/CALL-2	50.00
26	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT30916	2.00	41	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT29100/CALL-2	50.00
27	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT30787	70.00	42	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT28362/CALL-2	50.00
28	PWD/2025-26/BG/WORK_INDENT31441	3.00	43	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT28361/CALL-2	50.00
29	PWD/2024-25/BD/WORK_INDENT19291	18.50	44	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT28363/CALL-2	50.00
30	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT31682	13.50	45	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT29742	95.00
31	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT31685	5.00	46	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT28519	150.00
32	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT29935	3.80	47	PWD/2025-26/BG/WORK_INDENT28727	500.00
33	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT31325	1.00	48	PWD/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT28587	300.00
34	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT32170	7.50	49	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT31574	100.00
35	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT32173	2.50	50	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT30220	100.00
36	PWD/2025-26/BR/WORK_INDENT30227	2.00	51	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT28518	100.00
37	PWD/2025-26/BR/WORK_INDENT30239	2.50	52	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT28401	100.00
			53	PWD/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT30459	100.00

		For Sl No2,19 & 46 to 53	Remaining Works
1	Quarries of Tender On	As Per kppp Portal.	As Per kppp Portal.
2	Last Date of Tender Submission On	28.01.2026 @ 16.00 Hours	20.01.2026 @ 16.00 Hours
3	Tender Opening date On	29.01.2026 @ 16.30 Hours	21.01.2026 @ 16.30 Hours
4	Financial Bid Opening Date	As Per kppp Portal.	As Per kppp Portal.

Note: The Competent Authority / Employer reserves the right to Accept / Reject / Withheld the all Tenders without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division Hosapete, Vijayanagara District.

DIPR/Vijayanagar/2025-26/KSMCA/RO No/456

EDITORIAL

"When it comes to apportioning shame, my vote goes to the American people who sent them to war in a surge of emotion, but quickly lost the will to either win it or end it" — Evan Wright

INDIAN EXPRESS IS NOT AN INDUSTRY. IT IS A MISSION.

— Ramnath Goenka

CENTRE & STATES NEED TO FORGE NEW MECHANISM TO END RIVER WATER DISPUTES

If the history of river-water disputes among Indian states offers any lesson, it is that even a long, meandering process may not arrive at a lasting solution. Afloat on the latest turn of such a disagreement is the Andhra Pradesh government's proposed Polavaram-Nallamala Sagar Link Project, which seeks to divert 200 TMC (thousand million cubic feet) of Godavari water to the drought-prone Rayalaseema region.

AP Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's logic appears reasonable—on average, around 3,000 TMC of Godavari water is estimated to flow unused into the Bay of Bengal every year. But Telangana, whose writ challenging the project's expansion was disposed of by the Supreme Court on Monday, contends that the project violates the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act and points out that the appointed tribunal had allowed only 80 TMC to be diverted, not 200. The state may file a fresh suit under Article 131 of the Constitution. Telangana uses about 433 TMC of Godavari water, while Andhra Pradesh uses roughly 739 TMC.

At the core of the dispute lies a more fundamental problem: the absence of a final and binding determination of each state's share in the Krishna and Godavari waters after the creation of Telangana. As long as this ambiguity persists, individual projects are bound to trigger legal and political confrontations. A limited silver lining is the stated willingness of the two chief ministers—Naidu and Telangana's A Revanth Reddy—to pursue a give-and-take approach. But such an approach rarely works in river-water disputes.

Last year, Odisha and Chhattisgarh agreed to an 'amicable' solution to share Mahanadi waters, but structures planned upstream by the upper riparian state have put a question mark over any agreement anytime soon, even though both states are ruled by the BJP.

Several states have been embroiled in complex disputes over sharing river waters for years. Tribunals have provided limited relief, with their awards often challenged in the Supreme Court. For the sibling states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, even the Apex Council has failed to mediate a lasting settlement. The Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal has made little progress even eight years after being constituted. The idea of a single water tribunal to address all disputes is unlikely to find many takers. Given such an impasse, the Centre and the states must sit together to evolve a constitutional mechanism for the speedy resolution of river-water disputes.

ISL START SIGNIFICANT, BUT BIGGER CONCERNS REMAIN

The decision that despite an overlong delay, the top Indian football leagues will be held this season came as a relief not just to the players and fans, but to the All India Football Federation (AIFF) too. After months of dilemma that the AIFF could not resolve, the government announced last week that the Indian Super League, I-League and Women's League will be played. The ISL plans to add one team to the 13 that played last season. The confusion was only the tip of the massive mess the AIFF is in. It's disconcerting that the sports ministry had to step in to coax the clubs to compete this year. Though the AIFF claimed its hands were tied because of various Supreme Court orders, its inability to find a timely solution reflected poorly on its organisational skills. The clubs, who showed reluctance to play during earlier discussions, suddenly had a change of heart. As a result, league that should have begun in December has been pushed to February.

The commercial side is not fully settled yet. The league will cost around ₹25 crore, of which the AIFF will fund 40 percent (a guaranteed 10 percent plus the commercial partner's 30 percent until one is found) and the clubs will pay around ₹1 crore each in franchise fees. If needed, the clubs can defer payment until June. This is not a sustainable funding model. There is no surety that the AIFF will find a partner to take on the marketing, broadcast and sponsorship duties by June. There is no broadcaster in sight. The sports minister suggested Doordarshan as an option, but that may not bring in money. Some of the clubs are also struggling with their finances, leading them to seek pay cuts for players. Since the playing deals have been signed, a cut would require the players' consent.

The only big positive is that the footballers will get playing time, which is significant because the top league's progress is directly linked with the national team's. From a FIFA ranking of 126 in December 2024, India has slipped to 142 in December 2025. If the ISL is not played with zest this season, the future of Indian football will hang in balance too. It would be a shame for a country that was once the Asian champion in the sport.

QUICK TAKE

STANDARD UPDATING PROCEDURE

After she found "a cornucopia of chemicals" in children's mattresses three years ago, Professor Miriam L Diamond made it her mission to look closer at other everyday objects children use. Along with her students at the University of Toronto, this environmental chemist found hazardous chemicals in various objects like school bags, uniforms and food packaging. As a result, Canada has been forced to change the safety standards for these objects. There are two lessons for Indian institutions and governments from Prof Diamond's example. First, aligning safety standards—especially those affecting children—with the latest in global research. Second, promoting researchers' work in areas deemed essential to the level that public sentiment is moved and regulations are updated.

Technological superiority may give an opening advantage in a regime change op. But Iran's civilisational identity, military hardware and ability for asymmetric adaptation are unlikely to allow a durable outcome

WHY THE CARACAS FORMULA WILL NOT WORK ON TEHRAN

LT GEN SYED ATA HASNAIN (RETD)

Former Commander, Srinagar-based 15 Corps; Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir

SOURAV ROY

The US military operation in Venezuela signals a shift in how American power is being exercised in an unsettled international environment. The action was tactically efficient, meticulously planned and executed with overwhelming superiority. Yet, strategic success cannot be assessed by an event's immediate outcome alone. What matters equally is the precedent created, and the message it sends to allies, adversaries and the strained global order.

In the three decades following the Cold War, American power has often been exercised forcefully, but within differentiated political boundaries. While Washington showed little hesitation in intervening militarily in distant theatres such as West Asia, Af-Pak and parts of Africa, there remained a tacit caution about overt regime-targeting interventions in the western hemisphere and about actions that visibly disregarded alliance sensitivities.

Sovereign capitals were not immune to pressure, but direct enforcement in Latin America had largely receded as an instrument. The Venezuela operation disrupted this pattern. It demonstrated a readiness to cross political thresholds that many had come to regard as settled practice.

Operational success often carries its own dangers. When force delivers results quickly and at limited visible cost, it fosters the belief that similar tools can be applied elsewhere with comparable effect. Venezuela has already widened the speculative discourse in Washington, drawing attention towards Colombia, Cuba, Greenland and Iran. Each presents a distinct strategic context. Yet, all are viewed through the same lens—that decisive action can reshape unfavourable political realities.

This belief rests on the familiar fallacy that overwhelming technological superiority guarantees success. The US does enjoy a clear technological threshold—precision weapons, integrated intelligence networks, air dominance and electronic warfare—that can compress decision cycles and impose rapid control in the opening phases of conflict. Venezuela illustrated how such superiority can deliver swift operational advantage against weaker opponents.

Iran is often cited as the next test case, but the comparison is misleading. Unlike Venezuela, Iran is a deeply institutionalised state with layered power centres, regional proxies and a strong sense of civilisational identity. Any US-Israel intervention aimed at regime change would almost certainly trigger prolonged instability, internal fragmentation and regional escalation, rather than decisive political transformation. Tehran's vulnerabilities are real, but externally-imposed solutions rarely translate into durable outcomes.

History offers consistent caution. Once a conflict moves beyond initial kinetic phases, human will, asymmetric adaptation, logistics and political endurance begin to dominate outcomes. Iraq and Afghanistan remain stark reminders that battlefield dominance does not translate automatically into durable political results. As low-cost disruptive technologies—drones, cyber tools and precision munitions—become widely accessible, even inferior actors can find ways to offset raw superiority. Iran represents an even greater escalation hazard, missile capability and nuclear thresholds that bear no resemblance to Venezuela.

A more enduring concern lies in the manner of decision-making. President Trump's highly personalised, force-forward approach to national security introduces volatility that allies find difficult to manage. Power is not inherently destabilising; unpredictability is. Strategic partners can adapt to strength, but they struggle to hedge against abrupt shifts in tone and priorities. Greenland illustrates the risks of alliance rupture, where coercion would test Nato's internal cohesion.

This volatility carries long-term implications. A future US administration less inclined towards coercive enforcement may inherit strained alliances, eroded trust and adversaries emboldened by the belief that American policy oscillates with electoral cycles rather than strategic consensus. What appears today as decisive leadership could tomorrow translate into diminished credibility and reduced diplomatic elbow room.

China and Russia interpret this moment differently. Beijing may see an opportunity in the US's distraction. Reduced diplomatic bandwidth and episodic engagement make parts of Latin America more receptive to sustained Chinese involvement in infrastructure, energy and critical minerals. These are components of a long-term strategy that exploits inconsistency rather than confronting power directly.

Russia's gains are more perceptual. Constrained by its own strategic overextensions, Moscow benefits from narratives portraying the US as arbitrary and destabilising. Each unilateral intervention complicates Western efforts to uphold a rules-based order, dilutes moral authority and introduces friction within alliances.

The Indo-Pacific sits uneasily within this picture. Official US commitments remain intact, but political attention and strategic capital are finite. A US increasingly absorbed by hemispheric enforcement and West Asian contingencies may find it harder to sustain the depth of engagement required to deter assertiveness in Asia. Even temporary distraction can create lasting openings.

Economic undercurrents add complexity. With the US economy showing signs of plateauing and discussions of de-dollarisation gaining traction, control over energy flows and resource access assumes sharper importance. Venezuela's oil reserves are not merely regional assets; they are levers in a global contest marked by sanctions fatigue and shifting financial alignments.

Domestically, muscular displays of power carry political appeal. A narrative of restored American dominance resonates with key constituencies and could translate into electoral advantage for the Republicans in upcoming congressional contests. History, however, offers a sobering counterpoint. Overreach often matures into fatigue. Institutions may absorb short-term shocks, but they remember precedents long after personalities change.

Whether Venezuela marks a durable resurgence of American power or the beginning of a more volatile era will depend less on military capability and more on restraint, consistency and alliance management. The lesson is clear: coercive templates cannot be universally applied. Each strategic environment is unique, and misreading that complexity risks replacing one problem with several more dangerous ones.

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PARADOXICAL PRODUCTS OF PIETY

C P SURENDRAN

Author whose latest volume of poetry is *Window with a Train Attached*

It's a new year, but the debates are old. In January 2024, Nationalist Congress Party leader Jitendra Awhad had declared in Maharashtra's Shirdi that Lord Ram must have eaten meat during his 14-year exile because he could not have been a vegetarian in the jungle.

Awhad should have curbed his enthusiasm. It is not very wise to project our own appetites and limitations onto others. Lord Ram could have easily survived on fruits, roots and tubers—as countless ascetics have done. We don't know for sure. It is speculation laced with modern biases.

But in India, speculation fixates on the mythical past, not the probable future. Our sense of time has always been a little warped because we suspect, sadly, that the best has already happened. The future as nostalgia.

Awhad's remarks added decibels to the cacophony over a proposal to ban meat and alcohol on January 22, the Ayodhya Ram Mandir consecration day. No slaughter of the animals, then. Before we go further, we must clarify: the proposed ban is for that single day, just in and around Ayodhya. Meat delivery, however, is banned indefinitely as an 'administrative measure'.

One of the great utilitarian philosophers of our time is Peter Singer. He disputes the existence of any god—Christian, Jewish, Islamic or Hindu—because a truly beneficent and omnipotent deity would have protected not only humans, but also animals—which god supposedly created—from pointless suffering.

Singer's gaze turns to factory farms, those grim assembly lines of agony where billions of animals endure lives of confinement before the blade. And while they wait, they are all sentient enough to know it's the end.

Liberals, ever vigilant against state overreach, do not subscribe to the view that the State should intrude into personal space, such as dictating what one eats or wears. On the surface, this is a fair position. But liberals often falter when defending that freedom at the expense of another living, feeling organism. How do you justify a pork chop when the pig screamed in the truck?

The best argument in defence of vegetarianism is that it avoids inflicting pain on another breathing thing merely for your fleeting pleasure or convenience. Singer's 1975 book titled *Animal Liberation: The Definitive Classic of the Animal Rights Movement* doesn't preach from a pulpit. It deploys cold logic. If sentience equals moral weight, the species is irrelevant.

In Islam, dietary law meticulously distinguishes halal (permissible) from haram (forbidden), prohibiting pork and blood. Halal meat demands animals be slain in a prescribed manner, with the blood fully drained to purify the flesh. Purity is not just a 'desi' obsession with ghee; it's at play in flesh, too. Halal is clearly a condition of meat consumption.

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Aspirations towards purity often result in contradictions. Liberals support individual choice, but falter in defending the freedom of animals. Some states are banning meat sales, but do nothing for the livelihoods crushed. Philosopher Peter Singer points out that any benevolent deity would protect humans and animals equally

Similarly, Judaism's kosher laws define permitted species—those that chew the cud and have cloven hooves—and mandate slaughter methods designed to minimise suffering while upholding ritual cleanliness, a balance of ethics and sanctity. What makes the whole thing insane, of course, is that it is an act of murder.

In Christianity, most denominations impose no strict dietary restrictions; meat consumption, including pork, is commonplace. Exceptions persist, like the fasting traditions of Orthodox Christians or subgroups such as the Seventh Day Adventists, but general doctrine prohibits no meat on theological grounds.

With regard to Hinduism, the picture is far more complex than the recent controversy suggests. Dietary practices have varied widely by region, caste, community, occupation and historical circumstance, defying any monolithic narrative.

The *Mahabharata*, central to Hindu identity, depicts the Pandavas and Kauravas participating in hunting and meat consumption as integral to Kshatriya life. There is no textual emphasis on strict vegetarianism as a universal code. And they all went to heaven, no matter which side of the truth they fought for.

But the epic is nothing if not a paean to the glories of a very violent war. Which raises the question: if you are licensed to kill humans by the lakhs, why draw the line at animals?

Perhaps *ahimsa* as a foundational ethical principle in Hindu philosophy remains an aspiration, not an actualised ideal. Which is why killing an animal is branded 'non-Hindu', but conducting war is, well, kosher.

The present meat ban around the Ayodhya temple precincts—a policy defended in the name of respect and sentiment—has unstated violent consequences: a kind of slaughter by economic strangulation. Street vendors, cooks, transport workers, cleaners, hotel staff and daily-wage earners—many of whom belong to Muslim and Dalit communities—have suffered acute income loss as their livelihoods have been sacrificed on the altar of piety.

What begins as a gesture intended to signal piety transmogrifies into an economic penalty imposed on those at the margins of society. Even from a conservative point of view, this is violence—*ahimsa* inverted.

An ideal way to handle the situation would have been financial compensation to those bearing the brunt of the state's idealism. If animals are a priority, surely the humans who live off killing them are no less in value?

What the Uttar Pradesh government should be doing is to show an alternative means of livelihood to its people affected by its mythological aspirations to 'pure' life. Unless they believe starving a human is pretty much the same as killing a chicken. If so, they have arrived—perhaps to the ironic applause of Singer.

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Washington's whims

Ref: *Trump pushes, India must respond with strategic autonomy* (Jan 12). Using trade coercion to dictate sovereign energy choices undermines global norms and exposes Washington's double standards. Strategic autonomy is not defiance, but a necessity for safeguarding national interest. India cannot afford to yield to daily intimidation.
Lawrence Vadukut, Thrissur

Overeager censor

Ref: *CBFC cuts must guide* (Jan 12). Cinema is not a threat that needs to be trimmed into obedience; it's a mirror that often shows us what power would rather not see. A body meant to guide viewers on suitability cannot assume the role of moral guardian or political referee. India's democracy rests on the idea that citizens can think, question and disagree.
Aditya Kamble, Kalaburagi

Protest rights

Ref: *From New York to JNU* (Jan 12). Youth participation is the need of the hour, but direction matters more than speed. Being apolitical is a privilege practised by many and speaking up is democratic. Rights, however, must not be exercised arbitrarily.
Tanusri Yadavalli, Bengaluru

Offering balance

Ref: *Uttarayan wisdom* (Jan 12). Nothing is possible without Lord Surya's munificence. More expansively, the author has skillfully explained why Shani is not to be feared. The slowness in Shani is to keep a balance in this fast world. And when Shanishvara begins to offer, it all comes pouring in.
Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

Maharashtra distress

Ref: *Reunion watch* (Jan 12). Beneath the noise of Maharashtra's politics, core public issues remain largely unresolved. Rural Maharashtra faces chronic agrarian distress and debt. Youth confront unemployment and unstable livelihoods. Political narratives may mobilise emotions and votes, yet they rarely translate into sustained solutions.
Mohammad Asad, Mumbai

Deadly water

Ref: *Cleanest grave* (Jan 11). It's highly condemnable and deplorable that the elixir of life turns venomous due to gross apathy and negligence. It's noteworthy that expecting more from irresponsible governance is foolish. Hopefully, the judiciary would bring more conscience to the polity.
Sajan Vazhappilly, Kochi

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Abhishek Singhvi @DrAMSinghvi
A strong Iran has constrained Pakistan and checked Western overreach. Indians cheering its collapse confuse geopolitics with prejudice.

Abhishek Banerjee @abhishekaitc
On the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, I bow in reverence to a towering soul whose thoughts continue to illuminate India's moral and intellectual conscience.

Suvendu Adhikari @SuvenduWB
Sanatanis and Nationalists, take note of this vile electoral strategy. It's time to expose and reject this politics of fear and fragmentation.

'SHANTI ACT WILL GET US 100 GW IN NUCLEAR POWER BY 2047'

UNION Minister of Science and Technology (Independent Charge) and MoS of Atomic Energy, **Dr Jitendra Singh**, asserts that the SHANTI Act opens up the atomic energy sector for private participation while retaining full sovereignty. He said India is fully atmanirbhar in space launch vehicles and has built satellites for all space applications, such as earth observation, communication, and navigation. He tells **Rajesh Kumar Thakur** that India has achieved self-reliance in the production and use of nuclear energy and has set a goal to reach 100 GWe by 2047. **Excerpts**:

How do you view the Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India Act, 2025, in terms of India's long-term civil nuclear interests?

It has obviously been one of the Modi government's most significant science reforms, with the aim of exploring India's potential for creative and peaceful nuclear energy. This is potentially aimed at accelerating India's energy rise in the civil nuclear sector. This has been seen linking science, economy, industry, and business to shape India's future socio-economic order. As nuclear energy is a clean and abundant source of electricity and hydrogen, it will play a major role in addressing Viksit Bharat's clean energy needs. Nuclear energy can support and provide a stable, reliable, and round-the-clock power supply for large-scale data-driven research and data centres using artificial intelligence (AI), high-performance computing, quantum tech, and semiconductor fabrication.

It will also serve the larger interest of India's development through its vast applications in healthcare, food, water, agriculture, industry, research, and the environmental sectors. Notably, its utilisation in AI to support future-ready applications will be essential to fulfil India's developmental aspirations and achieve sustainable development goals.

Has the SHANTI Act succeeded in attracting private investment?

Yes, the SHANTI Act 2025 has paved the way for the private sector to build, own, and operate NPPs. The Nuclear Energy Mission aims to achieve 100 GWe by 2047, and this cannot be achieved without private-sector participation, which is now emerging in this sector. India is also working on small modular reactors for dense urban clusters. Opportunities in these sectors are opening. Private participation is needed to meet India's clear energy goals by 2047, and SHANTI Act will modernise India's nuclear framework in line with contemporary technological, economic, and energy realities, while maintaining safety, sustainability, and affordability.

How exactly does the Act help private sector?

The private sector can participate in, build, own, and operate nuclear power plants. It can fabricate nuclear fuel and conduct R&D in nuclear science and technology to facilitate the use of nuclear energy for non-power applications. Notably, foreign participation will be governed by India's FDI policy. A key characteristic is opening the sector to private participation while retaining full sovereignty.

When will India achieve self-reliance in the sector?

Over the last 70 years, India has developed the capability to be self-reliant in the production and use of nuclear energy. With the nuclear energy mission announced for Viksit Bharat, India aims to achieve 100 GWe by 2047 through a multi-faceted approach, leveraging indigenous development, international collaboration, and public and private sector participation in nuclear energy production.

Verbatim

How does it address nuclear liability, and what are its implications for operators & suppliers?

The SHANTI Act aligns India's nuclear liability regime with the international regime. The operator's liability has been graded based on the reactor's power output. The Act has set the stage for a future in which nuclear energy becomes the backbone of India's development.

What safety measures are there to ensure safety and environmental protection?

The responsibility for ensuring the safety of civilian nuclear facilities in India lies solely with the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB). To streamline regulation and promote uniform standards, AERB has developed a comprehensive set of safety codes, guides, and standards.

How much electricity is currently being generated by nuclear power plants and what are next targets?

Currently, India is producing 8.8 GWe through nuclear energy. The specific measures outlined to reach this goal involve a multifaceted approach that leverages both indigenous development and international collaboration. Key strategies include the continued deployment of Indigenous Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs), building on the 25 reactors currently in operation with a capacity of 8,880 MW. There are also eight reactors under construction contributing 6,600 MW, including indigenous 700 MW PHWRs, such as RAPP 8 and GHAVP 1&2, the Indigenous Fast Breeder Reactor (FBR) PFBR, and Light Water Reactors (LWRs) with foreign cooperation. Furthermore, 10 reactors are at the pre-project stage, set to add another 7,000 MW, encompassing PHWRs such as Kaiga 5&6, GHAVP 3&4, Chutka 1&2, and Mahi Banswara 1&2 and 3&4. India's nuclear power capacity is projected to reach 22,480 MW by 2031-32.

Future plans also emphasise the development of Indigenous Fast Breeder Reactors (FBRs), which align with India's unique three-stage nuclear power program, designed to optimally utilise its modest uranium and abundant thorium resources through a closed fuel cycle.

To what extent does India's budget support research, innovation, and start-ups in science and technology?

The budget for the Ministry of Science and Technology, including the three Departments, in 2025 (₹38,613 cr) is almost 4.7 times that of 2014 (₹8,257 cr). India's rising R&D investments and growth in the number of science and engineering researchers are directly strengthening research capacity, fueling innovation, and boosting patent activity. India's position in the Global Innovation Index (GII) ranking has improved from 81st in 2015 to 38th in 2025. India has ranked 3rd in the number of startups, 3rd in science and engineering publications, and 6th in patent filings.

The Government has established the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) under the ANRF Act 2023 to strengthen our technological leadership. Schemes such as the Core Research Grant, PM's Early Career Research Grant, and Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research program have also been instrumental in strengthening the domestic research ecosystem. The government has also launched the ₹1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund to provide financial support to private industry for research and innovation in critical areas such as energy security and transition, and climate action.

What progress has India made in the space sector?

As of today, India is fully Atmanirbhar in launch vehicles and has built satellites for all space applications, including earth observation, communication, navigation, and even space exploration. India has also launched 3 lunar missions, 1 interplanetary mission, and 1 solar mission, and is planning follow-on missions, including a lunar sample-return mission. The space-sector reforms announced in 2020 have enabled the private sector to undertake space activities, and around 350 startups have emerged in the short span of 5 years, compared to just 1 or 2 in 2014.

The PM announced the Gaganyaan Programme in 2018, in which an Indian will go to space from Indian soil. The Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS) is a five-module space station to be operational by 2035.

India, Germany intent on def ties

Two countries announce road map for joint military production, naval exercises & training

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

India, Germany delegations talk defence and other ties in Ahmedabad on Monday| PTI

AIMING to step up their defence and security ties, India and Germany on Monday announced a slew of measures, including a Joint Declaration of Intent on Strengthening the Bilateral Defence Industrial Cooperation through technology partnerships, co-development, and co-production of defence platforms.

Germany also decided to deploy a Liaison Officer to the Information Fusion Centre–Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR), a move first reported by this newspaper. *(See screengrab)*

Affirming the decisions under the planned upgradation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Friedrich Merz, welcomed the outcomes of the High Defence Committee meeting held in New Delhi in November 2025, which further augmented bilateral defence cooperation, including institutionalised Services Staff Talks and visits of Service Chiefs.

As this newspaper reported first, "The documentation is in advanced stages, and the officer will get posted before June," sources said. The High Defence Committee is jointly chaired by Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar. During the meeting, the co-chairs reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing military-to-military cooperation, with a focus on developing defence ties as a key pillar of the Strategic Partnership between India and Germany.

The PM's Office said, "The leaders endorsed the commitment of both sides to deepen military-to-military cooperation through joint exercises, training, and exchanges of senior officials, and noted with satisfaction regular reciprocal port calls by the Naval ships of both countries. The leaders welcomed the establishment of a new Track 1.5 Foreign Policy and Security Dialogue between the two countries."

Prime Minister Modi welcomed Germany's intent to participate in Naval Exercise MILAN and the 9th Indian Ocean Naval Symposium Conclave of Chiefs in February 2026, the Air Combat Exercise Tarang Shakti in September 2026, and Germany's decision to deploy a Liaison Officer to the IFC-IOR. The plan is to host the German officer before June this year.

There has been an incremental rise in military ties, and in a significant first, Germany participated in an aerial exercise on Indian soil in August 2024, with its Eurofighter Typhoon performing air manoeuvres. Incidentally, it was the Indian Air Force's first-ever multinational exercise, Tarang Shakti 24.

The leaders welcomed the signing of a Joint Declaration of Intent to develop a Defence Industrial Cooperation Roadmap and appreciated Germany's efforts to facilitate expeditious export clearances of defence equipment.

Germany to station liaison officer in India for security

New post to focus on defence ties with Indian Ocean Region as its remit

TNIE reported on Jan 12, 2026

Germany announced placing a liaison officer in India on Monday, confirming our report published in this newspaper

Australia puts India in high risk slab, makes student visa tougher

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

AUSTRALIA has joined the list of major countries restricting the entry of Indian students into its university campuses. From January 8, Australia has put Indian students along with those from Bhutan, Bangladesh and Nepal in the highest risk student visa category. The checks for English language proficiency and documents to establish funds will become more stringent, according to an Australian home affairs department order.

India has been placed under Evidence Level 3, the highest-risk category under Australia's Simplified Student Visa Framework, the order says. While no specific reason has been given, it is learnt that surge in fraudulent practices by Indian students, including fake mark sheets and bank balances to enter the country are the chief reasons.

The US, the UK and Canada had introduced stringent provisions for international students. However, Australia's neighbour New Zealand had last month liberalised norms for Indian students and professionals in light of the new Free Trade Agreement. Those pursuing degree programme were offered a two-year work visa and Bachelors with Honours degree a three-year work visa. The new Australian restrictions have surprised academicians in India as the two nations have strong educational relations. Over 1.4 lakh Indian students studied in Australia last year.

Unlawful activities to blame

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Asked for his response, Mamidala Jagadeesh Kumar, former UGC chairman and former JNU vice chancellor, said, "India and Australia share a strong educational partnership built on trust. Australia's updated visa scrutiny seeks to protect program integrity and support genuine learners. This support will help Indian students to apply early, submit complete documents, and choose accredited institutions."

Kumar pointed out that many Australian universities are keenly interested in establishing their campuses in India. The UGC has already approved University of Western Australia to set up campus in Chennai, University of Western Australia (Mumbai); Victoria University (Gurugram), Western Sydney University (Greater Noida), and La Trobe University (Bengaluru). India's higher education secretary did not respond to queries.

SC to examine validity of lifelong immunity to CEC and poll commissioners

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday decided to examine the validity of the Parliament-enacted law giving life-long immunity from legal proceedings to Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and Election Commissioners (ECs).

While hearing a plea filed by NGO Lok Prahari, a bench comprising of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi, said it will examine whether such immunity, which is not available to the President or Governors, could be given to CEC and EC.

"This is an important issue. We will examine the matter to determine whether this provision is causing any harm and whether such an exemption can be granted under the Constitution," said the bench.

While issuing notices to the Centre and the Election Commission, the court, however, refused to stay it, and said a stay is "not needed" at present.

The petitioner argued that even the President of India is not granted such broad legal immunity, as it pointed out that during the debate on the law in Parliament, a minister had stated that the bill relates only to service conditions. And so, the immunity from criminal prosecution cannot be considered a service condition, it said. The petition, urging the court to stay the provision, also argued that the law "harms free and fair elections".

The amendment to the law providing protection from lawsuits to the CEC and ECs against their work was made in 2023.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Response sought on AYUSH doctors' PIL

The Supreme Court on Monday sought detailed responses of Union ministries of Law, Health and Ayush, after hearing a plea seeking direction to declare AYUSH doctors as 'Registered Medical Practitioners' under the law, like allopathic doctors.

PM to inaugurate Commonwealth speakers' meet on AI, social media

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) on January 15 at the Central Hall of the old Parliament building, now called Samvidhan Sadan. The conference, hosted by the Indian parliament after 16 years, will bring together senior parliamentary leaders from across the Commonwealth.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, who is chairing the conference, said the event would be attended by 76 Speakers and Presiding Officers from Commonwealth countries, along with other parliamentary delegates. India had earlier hosted the conference in 1971, 1986, and 2010.

Briefing the media, Birla said the main focus of the discussions would be the growing role of artificial intelligence and social media in parliamentary work. "Delegates will discuss how new technologies can improve efficiency, transparency, and public engagement, while also addressing ethical concerns and challenges for democracy," he said.

Birla said the Standing Committee of CSPOC would meet on January 14 to review the organisation's ongoing work. "The Prime Minister will inaugurate the conference on January 15 at 10.30 am and deliver the keynote address. After that, he will have an informal interaction with Speakers and Presiding Officers," Birla added.

He said two major themes would be discussed on January 15: the use of AI in Parliament, including the need for balance between innovation and oversight, and the impact of social media on parliamentarians. On January 16, the conference will focus on ways to improve public understanding of Parliament and encourage citizen participation beyond voting.

Other sessions will address the security, health, and well-being of Members of Parliament and parliamentary officials. A special plenary session on the role of Speakers and Presiding Officers in strengthening democratic institutions will also be held and chaired by Birla, who will deliver the keynote address.

Birla said delegates would be welcomed in line with India's tradition of 'Atithi Devo Bhava'. At the end of the conference on January 16, the chairmanship of CSPOC will be handed over to Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the UK House of Commons.

53 countries to participate

This year's conference will see participation from parliaments of 53 Commonwealth countries, including 23 bicameral and 30 unicameral legislatures. Apart from technology-related issues, discussions are expected on global challenges such as climate change, terrorism, and cybercrime, with members sharing experiences. The event underlines India's commitment to parliamentary cooperation worldwide.

Parliament business to be available in 22 languages, MPs to get phone updates

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PARLIAMENT is set to introduce new facilities for members of both Houses with the Budget session starting on January 28. The MPs will now be able to participate in debates and present their views in 22 regional languages on the floor of the Houses, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla told the media on Monday.

"In addition, Parliament plans to deliver written replies to questions directly to MPs via WhatsApp," Birla said, adding that Parliament is also working towards providing real-time translation of proceedings in all 22 languages with the support of AI-based tools. This facility is now limited to 10 languages.

Highlighting additional digital reforms, he said efforts are underway to ensure that MPs receive official records of parliamentary proceedings within one hour of each sitting from this Budget session, with a target of reducing the time to 30 minutes by 2027. "Work on the Digital Sansad platform is nearing completion. Once operational, it will allow citizens and lawmakers across the country to watch and listen to parliamentary proceedings in their preferred language through real-time translation. This feature is expected to be fully implemented in 2027 using AI-enabled digital systems," he said.

Birla, however, warned that any member found violating parliamentary decorum would be punished in accordance with established rules. Responding to a question about the alleged sighting of an e-cigarette during the winter session, he said the matter was under investigation. "Once the report is received, it would be referred to the appropriate House committee for further action. The report will be discussed with the floor leaders of all parties," the Speaker said.

Birla's stern warning

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SAFE IN VARANASI

A Bengaluru-bound IndiGo Airlines flight with 216 passengers on board made an emergency landing at the Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Varanasi following a bird strike, officials said Monday.

3 HURT — 3 KILLED IN 2 SEPARATE ACCIDENTS IN MANDI

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	21	15	Mumbai	24	16
Bhopal	27	12	Panaji	24	17
Jaipur	18	04	Patna	18	03
Amritsar	13	08	Lucknow	18	01
Chennai	22	18	Port Blair	18	07
Kolkata	16	08	Imphal	19	07
Srinagar	02	-3	Chandigarh	14	08

6 Bihar Cong MLAs give party event a miss, speculation rises on NDA shift

Last week, three legislators skipped strategy meet on MNREGA stir

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

ALL six Congress MLAs were conspicuous by their absence at the traditional 'Dahi-Chura' feast organised by the party at Sadaqat Ashram in Patna on Monday, lending weight to the Opposition's claim that Congress legislators are in touch with NDA leaders.

The Congress hosted the annual 'Dahi-Chura' programme at its state headquarters, which was attended by several senior leaders and party workers. However, none of the six sitting MLAs were present, triggering speculation and political chatter across Bihar.

This was the second instance in the last fortnight when Congress MLAs skipped an official party programme. Last week, three of the six legislators did not attend a meeting convened by state Congress president Rajesh Ram to discuss the Centre's move to rename MNREGA. Bihar Congress chief Rajesh Ram, ex-MLC Prem Chandra Mishra and ex-state president Madan Mohan Jha were among the prominent leaders who attended the feast and interacted with party workers.

Responding to media queries, Rajesh Ram dismissed reports of Congress MLAs shifting allegiance. "All our legislators are intact. Political opponents are spreading rumours to create confusion and demoralise our supporters," he said.

The Dahi-Chura programme at the Bihar Congress headquaters in Patna, where party's six legislators did not show up on Monday

Explaining their absence, Ram added, "They may have had other engagements. Absence from a function does not mean anyone is unhappy with the party leadership. One should not jump to conclusions." Earlier, Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) minister Sanjay Singh claimed that all Congress MLAs would join the NDA after the end of 'Kharmas' on January 14 or 15. "Congress will face a major setback after Kharmas. Just wait and watch," he had said.

The six Congress MLAs are Manohar Prasad Singh from Manihari, Surendra Prasad from Valmiki Nagar, Abhishek Ranjan from Chanpatia, Abidur Rahman from Araria, Md Kamrul Hoda from Kishanganj and Manoj Biswan from Forbesganj. The Congress contested 61 seats in the Bihar Assembly elections but won only six. It was the party's worst performance in the state assembly polls in recent history.

Meanwhile, BJP minister and former Union minister Ram Kripal Yadav claimed that several RJD MLAs were also in touch with NDA leaders. "They will join the ruling alliance after Kharmas," he told reporters. RJD spokesperson Mritunjay Tiwari rejected the claims. "Such statements surface every year before Makar Sankranti. Nothing like this is going to happen," he said. In a related development, RJD chief Lalu Prasad's estranged elder son Tej Pratap Yadav announced that he would host a 'Dahi-Chura' feast on Makar Sankranti.

PK party gets a jolt as Bhojpuri singer resigns

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

AFTER suffering a crushing defeat in the recent Bihar assembly election, Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party faced another blow when Bhojpuri star singer Ritesh Pandey resigned on Monday. Pandey, who lost from Kargahar in Rohtas, announced on X, "As a responsible Indian… I have no regrets whatsoever."

He said serving people while staying in a party was "extremely difficult," so he quit. Pandey rose from a farming family, became famous after his viral song "Hello Kaun," which blended humour, romance, and street language. Jan Suraaj performed poorly in the election, did not win a seat, and most candidates lost their deposits. Kishor himself did not contest.

Senior leader RCP Singh may also return to Nitish Kumar's JD(U). Singh said, "We were always together… for the last 25 years." A former Union minister, he earlier quit JD(U) for Jan Suraaj. His return is seen as key to strengthening JD(U) and possibly shaping Nitish's son, Nishant Kumar's, future role, a senior JD(U) leader said on condition of anonymity.

Annamalai dares Raj to act on threat, Fadnavis tries to calm them down

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

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Annamalai

A few days ago, some Rasamalai had come from Tamil Nadu to Mumbai, and said that Bombay is not a Maharashtra city… Who is he?

Raj Thackeray

Stir over Mumbai remark

While campaigning for BJP candidates for the civic polls, Annamalai said, "Bombay is not Maharashtra city; it is an international city." Reacting to the remark, Raj Thackeray mocked him by addressing him as Rasamalai.

AFTER war of words erupted between MNS chief Raj Thackeray and Tamil Nadu BJP leader K Annamalai over the latter's remarks on Mumbai, Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis on Monday stepped in for damage control ahead of the January 15 BMC elections.

While campaigning for BJP candidates for the civic polls, Annamalai said, "Bombay is not a Maharashtra city; it is an international city." Reacting sharply to the remark, Raj Thackeray mocked at Annamalai, calling him 'Rasamalai', while campaigning in Dadar on Sunday. "A few days ago, some Rasamalai had come from Tamil Nadu to Mumbai, and said that Bombay is not a Maharashtra city… Who is he?" the MNS leader asked.

With Annamalai's remarks snowballing into a major poll issue, Fadnavis said the Tamil Nadu leader's remarks should not be taken seriously. He said Annamalai is not good at Hindi and such blunders happen while speaking in another language. The CM said the remarks have been twisted and blown out of proportion. "Annamalai is not from Maharashtra and not a national BJP leader, so not much importance should be given to his statement. Annamalai's Hindi is not good, so instead of Mumbai, he used the word Bombay, and it happened unwittingly… We also sometimes call Madras instead of Chennai. Besides, it is a fact that Mumbai is an international city," Fadnavis said.

Annamalai hit back at Raj Thackeray saying, "These people are issuing threats. Thackeray's Shiv Sena, through its newspaper Saamana, similar to our Murasoli, has written that if I come to Mumbai, they will cut my leg and blacken my face with ink," the Tamil Nadu BJP leader said. "I am going to Mumbai. Let them try inking me or cutting my leg; we will see what happens. If I were afraid of such threats and intimidation, I would be sitting in my village".

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BJP MLA hails Oppn leaders as 'lions'

A rare political moment unfolded at a tribal cultural programme in Dedvasan village in Surat district on Sunday, where leaders from rival parties shared the same stage in the name of cultural preservation. BJP MLA Mohan Dhodiya stunned party workers by openly praising AAP MLA Chaitar Vasava and Congress MLA Anant Patel, calling them "lions" and welcoming them wholeheartedly. Speaking in his mother tongue Dhodia, Dhodiya urged the tribal community to protect its language and traditions amid rapid modernisation. The event highlighted that tribal identity and dignity can rise above sharp political rivalries.

AAP co-incharge quits, calls it 'Rich Man's Party'

High drama marked the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) Parivartan Sabha on Rawapar Road in Morbi on Sunday as internal rifts spilled into the open. While leaders such as Gopal Italia and Yesudaan Gadhvi spoke of "parivartan" from the stage, party co-in-charge Hitubha Rathod resigned publicly, branding AAP as a "party of goons and the rich." Alleging rampant corruption and disregard for grassroots workers, Rathod urged people not to join the party. Angered after being denied access to the stage, he cited past remarks of AAP leaders and warned of the "goon rule." The chaos between the leaders overshadowed the rally's agenda.

Chhota Udepur mega plans spark tribal uproar

Two proposed mega projects in Chhota Udepur—the Naswadi Wadia Hydro Power Project and the GMDC Kadipani Rare Earth Project—have triggered a political face-off amid strong tribal resistance. Locals fear displacement, with nearly 18 villages likely to be affected by the hydro project and 28 by the rare earth project. Protests intensified in April when tribals blocked an NHPC survey. Tribal Development Minister Naresh Patel later claimed no project or survey existed, a statement disputed by Opposition. AAP MLA Chaitar Vasava and Congress leader Sukhram Rathwa accused the government of misleading voters.

Meiteis demand resettlement in Imphal protest

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

HUNDREDS of internally-displaced persons (IDPs) hit by the ethnic violence, took to the streets of Imphal on Monday, demanding early resettlement.

The protestors converged near the Lok Bhavan, accompanied by leaders of Meitei Organisation Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI). They raised slogans demanding immediate resettlement of the IDPs, reopening of national highways, and protection of the state's territorial integrity among others.

Later, an 11-member delegation, including five from COCOMI, held a meeting with Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla. According to local media reports, the protestors were not happy over the outcome of the meeting. A statement issued by the Lok Bhavan said representatives of COCOMI and IDPs shared broad concerns related to the situation of IDPs.

"Governor listened to the delegation and noted that steps related to resettlement and rehabilitation are already underway. He reiterated that efforts are being taken to facilitate the safe and gradual return of IDPs," the statement stated.

In 5th letter to CEC, Didi says AI use in SIR drive causing data mismatches

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday wrote her fifth letter to Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar over the controversial Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state.

In the letter, the CM described the exercise as "fundamentally flawed" and claimed that AI-driven digitisation of the 2002 electoral rolls was causing large-scale data mismatches and wrongful categorisation of genuine voters as having "logical discrepancies." Accusing the EC of disregarding its own statutory processes followed over the last two decades, she said electors were being compelled to re-establish identity despite earlier corrections made after "quasi-judicial hearings."

"Such an approach, disowning its own actions and mechanisms spanning more than two decades, is arbitrary, illogical and contrary to the letter and spirit of the Constitution of India," she alleged. Banerjee also alleged that no proper acknowledgement was being issued for documents submitted during SIR, claiming that the procedure was "fundamentally flawed."

She said the SIR hearing process had become "largely mechanical, driven purely by technical data", and was "completely devoid of the application of mind, sensitivity and human touch", claiming that it undermined "the bedrock of our democracy and constitutional framework." In her earlier letters, Mamata urged the CEC to "halt" the SIR in the state calling it "unplanned, arbitrary and adhoc exercise."

SC seeks EC's reply on fresh pleas of TMC

The Supreme Court on Monday sought a response from the Election Commission on fresh interim pleas of Trinamool Congress MPs alleging arbitrariness and procedural irregularities in the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in West Bengal.

2 die in Indore due to water contamination, 9 in hospital

ANURAAG SINGH @ Indore

TWO more deaths have reportedly happened in the country's cleanest city, Indore, due to contaminated water triggering a diarrhoea outbreak, taking the toll to 23 to date.

The latest to die was Bhagwandas Bharne (64), who was under treatment with ventilator support at the Bombay Hospital in Indore for around ten days. While he was initially admitted at another private hospital following the diarrhoeal symptoms, he was shifted later to the Bombay Hospital ten days back.

According to official sources at the Bombay Hospital, Bhagwandas, who was on ventilator support, was afflicted with multiple comorbidities, including a diabetic foot and gangrene, as well as multiple organ malfunctions. Despite all efforts at the ICU by doctors, he couldn't survive and died on Monday.

Following Bhagwandas's death, presently nine patients are admitted at the Bombay Hospital, three of whom continue to be in the ICU. "Four to five patients have responded well to the treatment by a dedicated team of doctors and have been shifted to the wards, following significant improvement," a senior official at the Bombay Hospital told this newspaper.

Prior to Bhagwandas's death, a 59-year-old woman, Kamla Bai (59), who was admitted at the state government's MY Hospital following bouts of diarrhoea and vomiting on January 5-6, breathed her last at the same hospital on January 9. Her husband, Tulsiram, is a daily wage labourer who had moved to the Bhagirathpura locality just 20 days back, and his Aadhar card contained the address of Jeevan Ke Fel.

Both these deaths, however, are yet to be confirmed by Indore authorities, as contaminated water triggered diarrhoeal deaths in Bhagirathpura. Importantly, the Indore district administration has so far provided ₹2 lakh each in compensation to 18 bereaved families.

While the deaths continue to happen, the residents of Bhagirathpura locality shudder while remembering the last week of 2025, when the killer tragedy struck their congested locality.

"Decades back our locality was notorious as the den of listed goons and criminals, then it became home to workers of closed mills, most of whom turned into daily wage labourers or vehicle drivers. Now the same locality has become infamous for witnessing one of the worst killer diarrhoeal outbreaks in Indore," said Rahul Panwar, who lost his father, Ashok Lal Panwar.

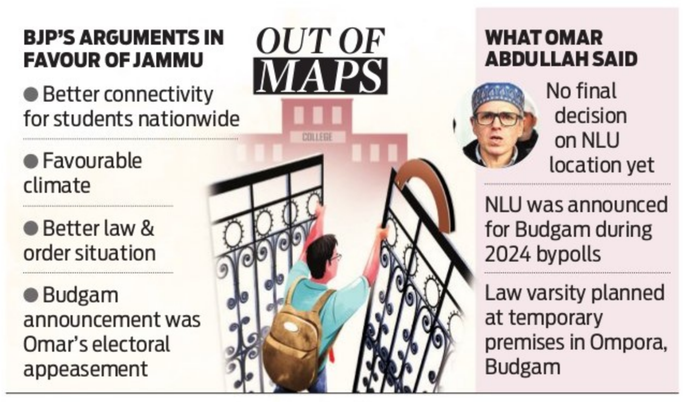
Jammu and Kashmir spar over law university

FAYAZ WANI @ New Delhi

DAYS after the closure of the Mata Vaishno Devi Medical College following agitation by Hindu groups over the admission of Muslim students, a fresh political controversy has erupted in the Valley over the establishment of a National Law University (NLU).

While the BJP is insisting on setting up the institution in Jammu, CM Omar Abdullah asserted that no final decision has been taken, and that when IIT and IIM were sanctioned for Jammu, there were no protests in Kashmir.

During the Budgam Assembly bypoll last year, Abdullah had announced that the NLU would be set up in Budgam. "The university will start functioning from a rented accommodation in the Ompora area of Budgam, where the government had previously decided to set up a software technological part, but the Air Force objected to it." The establishment of NLU in J&K will bring the UT on par with other states that already have NLUs.


BJP'S ARGUMENTS IN FAVOUR OF JAMMU
Better connectivity for students nationwide
Favourable climate
Better law & order situation
Budgam announcement was Omar's electoral appeasement
OUT OF MAPS
WHAT OMAR ABDULLAH SAID
No final decision on NLU location yet
NLU was announced for Budgam during 2024 bypolls
Law varsity planned at temporary premises in Ompora, Budgam

BJP MLA RS Pathania said that a NLU had been identified for J&K, and it was presumed that it would come up in Budgam after the CM made such an announcement during Budgam bypolls. "The declaration was aimed at luring voters of the constituency but the NC failed in its endeavour".

Claiming that BJP does not believe in a Jammu versus Kashmir narrative, Pathania argued that Jammu offers better connectivity, weather conditions, and a stable law-and-order situation.

"This is a national institution. It should be set up at a place where students from across the country can reach comfortably and benefit fully. Jammu fulfils all these parameters," he said. "Budgam's accessibility challenges would hinder the smooth functioning of the university."

"The CM's announcement will remain only an announcement. We will ensure that this institution opens in Jammu," he said.

"We will strongly oppose its setting up in Budgam. We will make an effort that it is set up in Jammu only and it will be opened in Jammu".

Pathania asserted that the party would raise the issue in the Assembly, take it to the Centre and hit the streets also. "We will agitate for it".

Responding sharply, CM Omar Abdullah questioned the BJP's selective outrage. "Did Kashmir protest when IIT and IIM were sanctioned for Jammu? What did Kashmir get at that time? Why was there no talk of equality then?" he said.

Omar said no final decision has been taken yet. "Leave this decision to us. Let the government decide first," he said.

Backing the party's position, BJP MLA Sham Lal Sharma rejected the CM's contention and said Jammu's demand was legitimate and based on practical considerations.

Hand over Bhagat Singh trial record for emotional reason, Punjab tells UK

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Punjab Government has requested the United Kingdom for access to original audio-video recordings and archival documents pertaining to the trial of freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Hari Rajguru. The documents are currently preserved in a museum in Scotland. These records, the government said, hold profound historical and emotional significance for the people of Punjab and for global scholars of history and human rights.

On January 9, Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann wrote to British Deputy High Commissioner to India at Chandigarh, Alba Smeriglio, requesting the British authorities to facilitate access to the archival material or provide guidance on the formal procedures required to obtain copies for preservation and display. The letter read "The government of Punjab seeks access to these archival materials for academics study, digital preservation, and public exhibition at the "Shaheed Bhagat Singh Heritage Complex '' Khatkar Kalan, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab, India".

Mann urged that the matter be taken up with the authorities concerned in Scotland for facilitating provision of the said archival material, or guidance on the requisite formal procedure to obtain copies for preservation and display.

For coordination and procedural documentation, the state government has designated Abhinav Trikha, Administrative Secretary, Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, Punjab, as the nodal officer.

The letter concluded, "Any early and positive consideration of this request will be highly appreciated. This gesture will be remembered as a significant step in honoring the shared history and the universal ideals of justice, sacrifice, and human dignity."

Twenty-three-year-old Bhagat Singh was hanged on March 23, 1931, along with Sukhdev and Rajguru, for the murder of British police officer John Saunders in what came to be known as the Lahore conspiracy case.

कुळगांव बदलापूर नगरपरिषद

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E-TENDER NOTICE

No. BS10/080604/2025 **Dated: 12.01.2026**

Bengal Gram (Whole) E-tender No. BS10/080604/2025 - TNCSC/26-27
Green Gram (Whole) E-tender No. BS10/001257/2026 - TNCSC/26-27

Online electronic e-tender for **Purchase of 468 MT. of Black Bengal Gram (Whole) and 524 MT. of Green Gram (Whole)** to deliver at all the TNCSC's godowns in all Regions for issuing under PTMGR NMP scheme and ICDS.

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The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III.

Last Date and Time for Online Submission 28.01.2026 upto 11.00 AM

DIPR/187/Tender/2026 **Managing Director**

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CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

Dated: 13.01.2026

Tender Enquiry No.: HO(Works)/ Contracts/KDL MRSS-A/ 2025 / 1108/302

Estimated cost of the work including GST: Rs. 42.11 Crore

NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites online bids through MSTC Portal from experienced, reputed and competent domestic bidders for the work of "Replacement of 33/3.3kV Main Receiving Sub Station-A (MRSS-A) and its allied outdoor switchgears with Gas Insulated Substation & Indoor Switchgears on Turnkey Basis at BAILADILA IRON ORE MINE, KIRANDUL COMPLEX, CHHATTISGARH"

The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and / or downloaded from **13/01/2026 to 10/02/2026** from following website links:

1. NMDC website - **https://nmdcportals.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender**
2. Central Public Procurement Portal (CPP PORTAL) **http://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app** and
3. MSTC Portal - portal **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprocn/** and search NMDC **Tender Event No. NMDC/ Head Office/ Contract/ 24/ 25-26/ ET/ 348 [Replacement of 33kV MRSS-A]**. For further help refer to 'vendor guide' given in MSTC website.

The bidders are requested to submit their bids online through MSTC portal only. The details of submission of bid through online are given in NIT. The Bidders on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website / CPP Portal / MSTC website for corrigendum, if any, at a future date.

For further clarification, the following can be contacted:

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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mr. Mahesha N K, S/o. Karigowda, 2) Mrs. Sushmitha G R, W/o Mr. Mahesha N K	Loan Account No. 47461160000034 Loan Amount: Rs.49,50,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing Site No.26A, presently BBMP E-Katha No.489/26A, E.P.I.D No. 2689757261, earlier Khata No.2/1, Old Property No.21, situated at Nayandahalli Village Panchayath Main Road, Vinayaka Extension 2nd Cross, Nayandahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes under BBMP Limits, Ward No.131, Bangalore. Measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 45 Feet, totally measuring 1800 Sq.ft. and **Bounded on: East by:** Property of M. Vajrappa, **West by:** Others Property, **North by:** Property of Beerappa, **South by:** Road.	Date of NPA: 01-01-2026 Demand Notice Date: 08-01-2026	**Rs.35,95,592.23** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Two and Twenty Three Paisa Only) **due as on 06-01-2026**
2	1) Mrs. Asha M, 2) M. Ravi G	Loan Account No. 47011230000018 Loan Amount: Rs.3,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All the piece and parcel of the property bearing No.68 42/2, situated at Khajihosahalli Village, Kattigenahalli comes within the purview of Khajihosahalli Grama Panchayath, Hosakote Taluk and Bangalore Rural District, East-West 33 Feet, North-South 25 Feet, totally measuring 825 Sq.feet and **Bounded on: East by:** Own Property, **West by:** Own Property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Anand Chari Property.	Date of NPA: 01-01-2026 Demand Notice Date: 09-01-2026	**Rs.3,12,268.55** (Rupees Three Lakh Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight and Fifty Five Paisa Only) **due as on 06-01-2026**

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 13.01.2026, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

Union Bank of India

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ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH (BENGALURU SOUTH)

 # 2/3, Raja Building, N.R Road, Bengaluru -560 002.
Contact No: 8369255990, E-mail : ubin0555991@unionbankofindia.bank

APPENDIX-IV-A

[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]
Notice of 30 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with the provision of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru** concerned branches. Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever there is"** basis, by Public E-Auction on **13.02.2026 from 12.00 Noon to 5.00 P.M** for recovery of dues as mentioned below together with future interest and legal other expenses due to the bank/Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. The Reserve Price for Property, the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Description of Property etc., are given below.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Description of the immovable Property	Amount Due	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
1	**(1) Mr. Mahesha S M,** S/o Malali Gowda, No.40, DC Nilaya, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, oad, 2nd Main, Kalyananagar, T Dasarahalli, Bangalore -560057 **Also at : Mahesha S M,** 139,7th Main, 8th Cross, Somanna Building, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Bangalore. **(2) Mrs. Geetha H N,** W/o Mr Mahesha S M, No.40, DC Nilaya, 1st Floor, 1st Cross Road, 2nd Main, Kalyananagar, T Dasarahalli, Bangalore -560057	**Schedule 'A' Property :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy. No.223 (Old Sy. No. 173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 acres, Vide Conversion Order No. ALN (A) (A) SR/107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the East by : Sarjapura Main Road, West by : Sy. No. 173, North by : Sy. No. 180 & 181, South by : Sai Layout **Schedule 'B' Property :** 507 Sq feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property **Schedule 'C' Property :** A Two bedroom apartment bearing No. A-213, of A Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe Grampanchayath e-Katha No. 150200100200320789, Flat No. 248/A-213, on the Second Floor of the Building known as "SIGMA SERENITY", constructed in the schedule 'A' property, having a super built up area of 1375 square feet (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement.	**Rs 67,01,197.96 (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs One Thousand One Hundred Ninety Seven and Ninety Six Paisa only) as on 31/12/2025**	**Rs. 41,00,000 (Rupees Forty One Lakhs only)**	**Rs. 4,10,000 (Four Lakhs Ten Thousand only)**
2	**(1) Ms. Regila Iyya Pillai,** No.11, 16, South Peyodu, Azhagiya pandipuram, Kanyakumari -629851 Also at :Ms. Regila Iyya Pillai, Flat No. FRT -001, Fourth Floor, " SRI KRISHNA SERENITY", Dubasipalya, Valagerehalli Village, Dhakale, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk, Bengaluru-560060 **(2) Mr. S Palanisamy,** No.11, 16 South Peyodu, Azhagiya pandipuram, Kanyakumari -629851. Also at : Flat No. FRT -001, Fourth Floor, " SRI KRISHNA SERENITY", Dubasipalya, Valagerehalli Village, Dhakale, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk, Bengaluru-560060	**Schedule A Property :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property residential site bearing nos. 2 and 3, Kengeri Municipality Property No. 26/130, Old Khatha No.1487/C, Municipality Khatha Nos 762/C and 762/A, BBMP Khatha Nos 4428 & 4427, New BBMP Amalgamated Khatha No. 4427/1487/C/26/130/762/A/S.No 3, formed in Sy.No. 48 of Dubasipalya, Valagerehalli Village, Dhakale, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk, Bengaluru presently comes under the administrative Jurisdiction of Bhruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 130, Bengaluru measuring East to West 115 feet, North to South 85 feet in all measuring 9775 square feet and bounded on the : East by : Site No. 4, West by Site No. 1, North by : Muniveerappa's House, South by : Road. **Schedule B Property :** All that piece and parcel of 3BHK flats bearing No. FRT -001 on the Fourth Floor of the residential building known as " SRI KRISHNA SERENITY" constructed on the Schedule A property, measuring 2000 Sq.Ft of super built up area having vitrified tiles flooring, together with one covered car parking space in the parking area, inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircases, set back areas, lift and other areas of common use and 407 sq.ft of undivided share of land with right titles and interest in Schedule A property and bounded by : East by : Flat no. FRT – 004, West by: Open to sky & RC enclave, North by : Flat No. FRT-002, South by : Road.	**Rs. 1,28,68,809.82 (Rupees One Crore Twenty Eight Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Nine and Eighty Two Paisa only) as on 31/12/2025**	**Rs. 88,50,000/- (Rupees Eighty Eight Lakhs Fifty Thousand only)**	**Rs. 8,85,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand only)**

The above said properties will be sold by "Online". Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website **https://baanknet.com** on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through **https://baanknet.com** by using their mobile number and valid email:id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The intended bidder may contact the **Branch Manager of Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru-560002, Contact No.8369255990.** For inspection of property and also visit the above mentioned website for ascertaining the details of auction.

Date : 12.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India.

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda — SARJAPURA BRANCH

 # 1837, Vinayaka Nagar, Sarjapura, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka-562125

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX- IV-A [SEE PROVISO TO 8 (6)]

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr /Lot No.	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/ Mortgagor s	Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any	Total dues as per Demand Notice	Date of e-Auction Time of E-auction - Start Time to End Time	1.Reserve Price- 2.Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3.Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive /Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time.
1	**Mr. Mukesh Kumar Choudhary - Borrower** Flat 1303 Sharjah Main City, United Arab Emirates, Sharjah (UAE), Dubai-1250 **Other Addresses** **1)** Post Kharhara Thana Barahat, Near Kali Mandir, Barahat Banka, Bihar 813121 **2)** B-1 Plot 421, JP Apartment, Shalimar Garden Ext 1, Ghaziabad, UP-110093 **3)** B140, Ashok Nagar Main Road, Shahdara, Delhi -110093 **Mrs. Priyanka - Co Borrower** Flat 1303 Sharjah Main City, United Arab Emirates, Sharjah (UAE), Dubai 1250 **Other Addresses** **4)** Post Kharhara Thana Barahat, Near Kali Mandir, Barahat Banka, Bihar-813121 **5)** B-1 Plot 421, JP Apartment, Shalimar Garden, Ext 1, Ghaziabad, UP-110093 **6)** B140, Ashok Nagar Main Road, Shahdara, Delhi -110093 **Mr. Abhishek Kumar-Guarantor** #17, New Number, 9th Cross, Opp. Surya Sweets, Maruti Nagar , Main Road, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore-560068	**Schedule 'A'** All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing a vacant site bearing Corporation Khata No. 426/715/B/540/2/31/2, No. 826/715/A/540/2/31/2 and No. 32/715/540/31 situated at Kote, Kengeri, Bengaluru Kengeri Sub-Division, measuring approximately 16300 Sq ft and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring: East to West : A to H - 89 feet, B to C - 25 feet, D to E - 72.7 feet, F to G - 39 feet, North to South: A to B - 92 feet, C to D - 92.11 feet, E to F - 110.10 feet, G to H - 77 feet and **Bounded as follows:** North: Road, South: Road, East: Road leading to Vrushbhavathi River, West: Road and private property. **Schedule 'B'** 336.14 Sq Ft of undivided share, right and interest in the Schedule 'A' property hereby conveyed by the vendor to the purchaser. **Schedule 'C'** All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment bearing No. A-305 in the third floor of the project known as 'RF TWI-LIGHT' built on schedule A property and apartment measuring 1154.73 sq ft of super built up area and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases, and other areas of common use inclusive of balcony and utility areas with One car parking space in the basement floor and includes right privileges, appurtenances therto and **Bounded on:** North: Common area, South: Setback Area, East: Flat A-304, West: Lift and Staircase. The immovable security is in the name of **Mr. Mukesh Kumar Choudhary** and **Mrs. Priyanka**	**Rs. 61,97,722.04 (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Two and Paise Four Only)** as on 30-04-2025 Plus further interest from 30-04-2025 and other charges, costs, expenses if any thereafter **Present Outstanding Rs. 66,49,192.88 (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety Two and Paise Eighty Eight Only)** as on 10-01-2026 Plus further interest and other charges if any thereafter	**28-01-2026 from 2.00 PM to 6.00PM**	**1. Rs.48,24,000/- 2. Rs.4,82,400/- 3. Rs.25,000/-**	**Physical**	**From 13-01-2026 to 27-01-2026 from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM**

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link **https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction** and online auction portal **Baanknet.com.** Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on **Mobile No: 8971382234, Tel No. 080-25584710**

Date: 12.01.2026, Place: Sarjapura, Bangalore **Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda — SARJAPURA BRANCH

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Sr /Lot No.	Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/ Mortgagor s	Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any	Total dues as per Demand Notice	Date of e-Auction Time of E-auction - Start Time to End Time	1.Reserve Price- 2.Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) 3.Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive /Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time.
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For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer/visit to the website link **https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction** and online auction portal **Baanknet.com.** Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on **Mobile No: 8971382234, Tel No. 080-25584710**

Date: 12.01.2026, Place: Sarjapura, Bangalore **Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda**

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Corporate Office: #109, Shankar mutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560 004.
www.vcb.co.in, Email: corporate@vcb.co.in PH No. 22956419 / 20

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

It is notified for all concened that the following property is secured in favour of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on **30.01.2026 "as is where is and as is what is basis"** for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower's, Mortgagor/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about hoiding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

1. Dr. V. SRIHARI, #81, 2nd Stage, Udayagiri Extension, Mysore-570 019. **Clinic address: Dr.V.Srihari** – Dentist. M/s. Tooth Comforts, No.12, ALN Complex, Brindavan Layout, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore – 560 070.
2. NARAYANA SWAMY – Applicant. 3. JAYAMMA - Guarantor - Both 2 & 3 are deceased. Represented by their Legal Heirs
A) SMT. PUSHPAVALLI, # 32/4, 1st 'D' Main Road, Gowdanapalya, Subramanayapura Post, Bangalore-560 061.
B) SMT. HEMAVATHI, HIG.No, 18, Dr Rajkumar road, K.H.B Colony, kalyanagiri, Mysore-570 029.
C) SMT. SUJATHA, #233, T Narasipura road, Police Layout, opp to Doctor's layout, Nethajinagara, Mysore-570 011.
D) SMT. SHANTHALA, #81, 2nd Stage, Udayagiri Layout, Mysore-570 019.

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through website: **https://www.banksauction.com** on **30.01.2026** for Recovery of an amount for of **Rs.2,41,37,407/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty One Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Seven Only)** due and payable amount as on **31.12.2025** with further interest, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

PROPERTY SCHEDULE: All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.81, North East of Mahadevapura Extension, Mysore, measuring East to West 46 feet and North to South 60 feet, totally measuring 2760 Sq. feet and building thereon & bounded on East by – Site No. 82, West by - Site No.80, North by -Site No.73, South by-Road.

Reserve Price	**Rs.1,98,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Ninty Eight Lakhs only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.19,80,000/- (Rupees Ninteen Lakhs Eighty Thousand only)**
Bid Increment Amount	**Rs.1,98,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Ninty Eight Thousand only)**
Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	**29.01.2026 upto 4:30 pm**
Date and time of opening of online offers	**30.01.2026, Friday, from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)**
Bank account in which EMD to be remitted	**Through EFT/ NEFT/ RTGS/ Demand drafts/ Bankers cheque in favor "Sir M Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore" Branch: Banashankari III Stage Branch, Branch Code: 005016100000001. IFSC Code: MVCB0000005**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE

1) The Immovable Property will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. 2) For participation in the auction the intending bidders have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the property being caution deposit through EFT/NEFT/RTGS for above concerned branch. The Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. 3) The property 'SHALL NOT be sold below the reserve price 4) The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, including EMD amount already deposited, immediately on acceptance of bid price by the Authorized OfficerI.e. before closure of business hours on the same day or not later than next working day and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day from confirmation of sale. Default in deposit of any of the above mentioned amount(s) within the period stipulated herein by the successful bidder would entail forfeiture of the entire money already deposited and Properties shall be put to auction again and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of Properties/ amount deposited. 5) The successful bidder shall bear all the necessary expenses like applicable stamp duties/additional stamp duty/transfer charges, **E-khatha charge, Property Tax,** Registration expenses, fees etc. for transfer of the property in its/his/her name. 6) The Authorized Officer/Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer and has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone/cancel the e-Auction or withdraw any property or portion thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason there for. 7) The property can be inspected by the intending bidder **Date: 29.01.2026 from 10.00 AM to 4.30 PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the schedule. 8) The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. 9) The intending bidders shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc., of the property. 10) Please refer to the link **https://www.bankeauctions.com** and **website: www.vob.co.in** for detailed terms and conditions of the sale. 11) All disputes, differences and controversies between the parties are subject to Bangalore Jurisdiction only, **STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT 2002:** This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to borrowers /mortgagors and Guarantors of the above said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date. The borrower/guarantors/mortgagors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Note: The intending bidder/purchaser may visit to bank's website www.vcb.co.in for detail terms and conditions regarding auction proceeding

Date: 12.01.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.

$437 million
to be invested by Sweden in drones for its armed forces

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Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

China warns US against using Greenland as 'pretext'

NUUK

China said on Monday that the United States shouldn't use other countries as a 'pretext' to pursue its interests in Greenland and said that its activities in the Arctic comply with international law.

The comment by a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson came in response to a question at a regular daily briefing. US President Donald Trump has said that he would like to make a deal to acquire Greenland, a semiautonomous region of NATO ally Denmark, to prevent Russia or China from taking it over. Tensions have grown between Washington, Denmark and Greenland this month as Trump and his administration push the issue and the White House considers a range of options, including military force, to acquire the vast Arctic island.

Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen has warned that an American takeover of Greenland would mark the end of NATO. On Friday, Greenland Prime Minister Jens-Frederik Nielsen and the leaders of the four other parties in the territory's parliament issued a joint statement reiterating that Greenland's future must be decided by its people and emphasising their 'wish that the United States' contempt for our country ends.' Trump reiterated his argument that the US needs to 'take Greenland,' otherwise Russia or China would, in comments aboard Air Force One on Sunday.

He said he'd rather 'make a deal' for the territory, 'but one way or the other, we're going to have Greenland.' China declared itself a 'near-Arctic state' in 2018 and plans a Polar Silk Road under the Belt and Road Initiative.

AP

UK discusses Arctic security with NATO allies

LONDON: Britain is discussing with NATO allies how it can help beef up security in the Arctic to counter threats from Russia and China, a government minister said on Sunday. Transport Secretary Heidi Alexander said the talks are "business as usual" rather than a response to recent threats by U.S. President Donald Trump to take over Greenland. Trump has said that he would like to make a deal to acquire Greenland, a semiautonomous region of NATO ally Denmark, to prevent Russia or China from taking it over.

Trump says Iran seeks talks as toll hits 648

DUBAI

US President Donald Trump said Iran wants to negotiate with Washington after his threat to strike the Islamic Republic over its crackdown on protesters, a move coming as activists said on Monday that the death toll in nationwide demonstrations rose to at least 599.

Iran had no direct reaction to Trump's comments, which came after the foreign minister of Oman — long an interlocutor between Washington and Tehran — traveled to Iran this weekend. It also remains unclear just what Iran could promise, particularly as Trump has set strict demands over its nuclear programme and its ballistic missile arsenal, which Tehran insists is crucial for its national defense.

Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi, speaking to foreign diplomats in Tehran, insisted "the situation has come under total control" in remarks that blamed Israel and the US for the violence, without offering evidence.

"That's why the demonstrations turned violent and bloody to give an excuse to the American president to intervene," Araghchi said, in comments carried by *Al Jazeera*. The Qatar-funded network has been allowed to report live from inside Iran, despite the internet being shut off. However, Araghchi said Iran was "open to diplomacy." Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei said that a channel to the US remained open, but talks needed to be "based on the acceptance of mutual interests and concerns, not a negotiation that is one-sided, unilateral and based on dictation."

Meanwhile, pro-government demonstrators flooded the streets on Monday in support of the theocracy, a show of force after days of protests directly challenging the rule of 86-year-old Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Iranian state television aired chants from the crowd, which appeared to number in the tens of thousands, who shouted "Death to America!" and "Death to Israel!"

Iran's attorney general has said prosecutors will levy such charges against protesters, which carry the death penalty.

Trump and his national security team have been weighing a range of potential responses against Iran, including cyberattacks and direct strikes by the US or Israel, according to two people familiar with internal White House discussions who weren't authorised to comment publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

"The military is looking at it, and we're looking at some very strong options," Trump told reporters on Air Force One on Sunday night. Asked about Iran's threats of retaliation, he said: "If they do that, we will hit them at levels that they've never been hit before." *AP*

Anti-Iranian regime protesters stand with the Imperial Standard of the Shahanshah of Iran flag during a gathering outside the Iranian Embassy, central London | AFP

IRAN GOVT DECLARES THREE DAYS OF NATIONAL MOURNING FOR 'MARTYRS'

PARIS: The Iranian government on Sunday declared three days of national mourning for "martyrs" including members of the security forces killed in two weeks of protests, state television said. The government described the fight against what it has termed "riots" as an "Iranian national resistance battle against America and the Zionist regime", using the clerical leadership's term for Israel, which the Islamic republic does not recognise. President Masoud Pezeshkian urged people to take part in a "national resistance march" of nationwide rallies on Monday to denounce the violence, which the government said was committed by "urban terrorist criminals", state television reported.

Crowd attacks driver as truck hits LA protest

LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES police responded Sunday after somebody drove a U-Haul box truck down a street crowded with marchers demonstrating in support of the Iranian people, causing protesters to scramble out of the way and then run after the speeding vehicle to try to attack the driver.

The U-Haul truck, with a window and side mirrors shattered, was stopped several blocks away and surrounded by police cars. *ABC7* news helicopter footage showed officers keeping the crowd at bay as demonstrators swarmed the truck, throwing punches at the driver and thrusting flagpoles through the driver's side window. The driver, a man who was not identified, was detained 'pending further investigation,' police said in a statement Sunday evening.

The police statement said one person was hit by the truck, but nobody was seriously hurt. Two people were evaluated by paramedics, and both declined treatment, the Los Angeles Fire Department said.

A banner attached to the truck said "No Shah. No Regime. USA: Don't Repeat 1953. No Mullah,' an apparent reference to a US-backed coup that year that toppled then Prime Minister Mohammad Mossadegh. The August 1953 coup was driven by US fears of growing Soviet and Communist influence in Iran. *AP*

Medical staff take part in a protest organised by the Palestinian Prisoners Committee calling for the release of prisoners held in Israeli prisons outside the Red Cross headquarters in Gaza City | AP

Israeli drone strike kills 3 near Gaza ceasefire line

DEIR AL-BALAH

An Israeli drone strike on Monday killed three Palestinians who had crossed the ceasefire line near central Gaza's Morag corridor, hospital officials said. Israel's military said the three approached troops and posed an immediate threat. They said they later found weapons and intelligence-gathering equipment on them. The strike came as Gaza awaits an expected announcement this week of a "Board of Peace" to oversee its governance.

Hamas has said it will dissolve its existing government once the new committee takes over the territory, as mandated under the US-brokered peace plan. The Gaza Health Ministry reports that more than 440 people have been killed since Israel and Hamas agreed last October to suspend their two-year war. Since then, each side has accused the other of violating the ceasefire, which remains in its initial stage as efforts continue to recover the remains of the final Israeli hostage in Gaza. Israel's military controls a buffer zone that covers more than half of Gaza, while the Hamas-run government retains authority over the rest. Throughout the war, Israel has supported anti-Hamas groups, including an armed group in southern Gaza that claimed responsibility on Monday for the killing of a senior Hamas police officer in Khan Younis. *AP*

White House weighs blocking Exxon's return to Venezuela

NEW YORK

US President Donald Trump has said that he is 'inclined' to keep ExxonMobil out of Venezuela after its top executive described conditions in the South American nation as "uninvestable".

Trump chaired a meeting in the White House on Friday with oil and gas executives to discuss plans for the Venezuelan oil reserves in the wake of the ouster of former President Nicol's Maduro.

"No, I didn't like Exxon's response. You know, we have so many that want it, and I'd probably be inclined to keep Exxon out. I didn't like their response. They're playing too cute," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One en route to Washington DC from Florida.

At the meeting, ExxonMobil CEO Darren Woods called the conditions in Venezuela as 'uninvestable.' "If we look at the legal and commercial constructs and frameworks in place today in Venezuela today, it's uninvestable, and so significant changes have to be made to those commercial frameworks, the legal system. There has to be durable investment protections, and there has to be a change to the hydrocarbon laws in the country," Woods said.

Woods had then expressed confidence that with the Trump administration and President Trump working hand in hand with the Venezuelan government, 'that those changes can be put in place.' Woods added that in the short term, 'there are things that can be done while these longer term issues are being worked (out). We haven't been in the country for almost 20 years." "We think it's absolutely critical in the short term that we get a technical team in place to assess the current state of the industry and the assets to understand what would be involved to help the people of Venezuela get production back on the market. With the invitation of the Venezuelan government and with appropriate security guarantees, we are ready to put a team on the ground there.' *PTI*

Donald Trump

Trader wins big on Maduro exit bet

CARACAS: Prediction markets let people wager on anything from a basketball game to the outcome of a presidential election — and recently, the downfall of former Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro. The latter is drawing renewed scrutiny into this murky world of speculative, 24/7 transactions. Last week, an anonymous trader pocketed more than $400,000 after betting that Maduro would soon be out of office.

Indian-born US astronomer gets top Royal Astronomical Society honour

LONDON

US-BASED astronomer Professor Shrinivas Kulkarni has been awarded the prestigious Gold Medal by the Royal Astronomical Society in London for his "field-defining" discoveries in time-domain astronomy.

Maharashtra-born Kulkarni is the George Ellery Hale Professor of Astronomy and Planetary Science at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), where he has discovered a wide range of astronomical objects, including brown dwarfs and remote bursts of gamma rays.

His RAS Gold Medal citation from last week recognises his "sustained, innovative and ground-breaking contributions to multi-wavelength transient astrophysics". In receiving the highest honour from the historic organisation, awarded annually since 1824, he joins great scientific minds such as Stephen Hawking, Jocelyn Bell Burnell, Albert Einstein and Edwin Hubble. "I was very surprised to hear the news, especially given the stellar list of past winners," said Kulkarni. "I would like to thank my long-term collaborators and the engineering crew and members of the Palomar Transient Factory and the Zwicky Transient Facility for their immense contribution to the projects," he said.

The scientist described this discovery of the first millisecond pulsar as "the most fun achievement in my life", adding: "I was a graduate student when I made the discovery. I could not sleep for several days!" Kulkarni joined Caltech in 1985 and made landmark discoveries on gamma-ray bursts. *PTI*

Shrinivas Kulkarni

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II FOR KARNATAKA, AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajabhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

O.A. No. 2682/ 2024

Between
M/s. Bank of Baroda
ROSARB South Region
41/2, 4th Floor, Vijaya Towers, M.G. Road, Trinity Circle, Bengaluru-560001. .....Applicant

And
1. M/s. R R Creations
Reptd. by its Prop. Shashirekha .C.C
2. Mrs. Shashikrekha .C.C
No. 3, 1st and 2nd Floor, Begur Main Road, Hongasandra, Bengaluru-560068. .... Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO. 1 & 2 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

Defendant No. 1 :
M/s. R.R. Creations
Reptd. by its Prop. : Shashirekha .C.C
No. 3, 1st and 2nd Floor, Begur Main Road, Hongasandra, Bengaluru-560068.
Defendant No. 2 :
Mrs. Shashirekha .C.C
No. 3, 1st and 2nd Floor, Begur Main Road, Hongasandra, Bengaluru-560068.

Whereas, the above named applicant has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 67,79,540.18**/- (Rupees Sixty Seven Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty and Eighteen Paise only) as on 26.08.2024, together with further cost and interest. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **30.03.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the relief prayer for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **5th day of January 2026 at Bengaluru.**

(Registrar)
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II for Karntaka.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

E-Tender Notice No. E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-01-06-26, dated 09.01.2026. e-Tenders are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg)/Adra, S.E.Railway for and on behalf of the President of India for the following works : **Sl. No. & Tender No.; Description of works; Tender value : (1) E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-01-26, dated 09.01.2026;** Miscellaneous P.way work for strengthening and standardization of track for safe movement of traffic under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Bankura-I; ₹ 4,14,06,981.46. **(2) E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-02-26, dated 09.01.2026;** Miscellaneous P.way work for strengthening and standardization of track for safe movement of traffic under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Bankura-II; ₹ 4,14,06,981.46. **(3) E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-03-26, dated 09.01.2026;** Removal of existing seized corroded/broken rail screw, welding of slide chairs, removal of burr, fixing of guard rail etc. under Divisional Engineer (East)/Adra; ₹ 74,94,480.88. **(4) E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-04-26, dated 09.01.2026;** Miscellaneous P.way work for strengthening and standardization of track for safe movement of traffic under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Bokaro Steel City in Adra Division; ₹ 4,14,06,981.46. **(5) E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-05-26, dated 09.01.2026;** Miscellaneous P.way work for strengthening and standardization of track for safe movement of traffic under the jurisdiction of Assistant Divisional Engineer/Mahuda in Adra Division; ₹ 4,14,06,981.46. **(6) E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-06-26, dated 09.01.2026;** Supply and delivery in stacks 50 mm gauge machine crushed ballast at Jhantipahari depot including loading the same into any type of Railway wagons; ₹ 2,61,31,443.17. The **closing date and time of e-tenders** is on 03.02.2026 at 15.00 hrs. for sl. no. 1 to 3 and 06.02.2026 at 15.00 hrs. for sl. no. 4 to 6. Details of above e-tenders may please be seen at website **www.ireps.gov.in** **(PR-1051)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that our client intends to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder from its lawful owner of **Sri. B. R. SUDHINDRANATH**, son of late T. K. Ramachandra Rao, residing at No. 804, 7th Cross, 8th Main, 4th Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru – 560097, who is the absolute owner of Schedule Property.

Any person or persons other than the Vendor having any claim or interest in or to the Schedule Property, or any part thereof in any manner is/are required to forward their claim on or to the property to the undersigned at their office along with the relevant documents thereof, within **Seven days** from the date of publication of this notice in this newspaper. In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made it shall be deemed to have been waived and our client will proceed with the transaction without any further reference in this regard.

SCHEDULE

Residential-cum-commercial property bearing **Property No. 249** and **New E.PID No.8000416152,** situated at **2nd Main Road, between 16th and 17th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru,** BBMP Ward No.35 of Aramane Nagara, measuring East to West : 120 feet and North to South : 30 feet together with the building under construction and bound as follows:

East : 2nd Main Road;
West : Conservancy Lane;
North : Private Property bearing No.250 and Property belonged to Vishwanth;
South : Private Property bearing No.247 (formerly property belonged to Lakshmamma and Dr. Adiga).

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Place: Bengaluru, Date: 13.01.2026

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
Notice No. CE/PHE/SA/2-474/2026/**3891**
dated 12.01.2026

It is hereby notified that e-tender process for the following work – i) Improvement of Water Supply Scheme for Churachandpur Town (Zone-I) & ii) Improvement of Water Supply Scheme for Churachandpur Town (Zone-III) have been initiated. The details can be obtained from the website **https:/manipurtenders.gov.in**

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IRON ORE CLO & FINES

CAD-2996: The Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd intends to sell various grades of Iron ore CLO & Fines produced at Daitari and Gandhamardan Regions (Block - A & B) and Guali, Jilling Langalota, Tiringpahar, Khandbandh, Banspani, Unchabali (Mahaparbat), Roida 'C' & Dubuna - Sekradihi Iron and Manganese Mines of Barbil Region in Keonjhar District and Khandadhar/Kurmitar Mines under Koira Region in Sundargarh District, Odisha through e-auction which will be conducted by MSTC Ltd. The e-auction shall be held from **11.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M on 19.01.2026.**
For details, please visit the website of MSTC i.e **www.mstcecommerce.com**
Sd/- Chief General Manager (S&M)

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The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	CFS Enterprises, Sayyad Salman Khan & Syed Shamshad Begum/ Represented By Proprietor Sayyad Salman Khan No H19 Shivapriya Township Neraluru Village Attibele Hobli Anekal Taluk Bangalore-562107/ 316951000027.	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering Property Situated At Neralur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District Bearing Eastern Portion of Site No.4, Vp Khatha No.2080, Property Bearing No. 15200101500620664 And 2080/4, Formed in Sy. No. 234/2A2, Bounded As Follows (Admeasuring An Area of East to West On Both Side : 32 Feet, North to South On Both Side : 40 Feet, Totally 1280 Square Feet Land Fully Bounded By : On The North By: Remaining Portion Of Same Site No.4 In Bg Block On The South By: Site No.3 In Bg Block On The East By: Road On The West By: Remaining Portion Of Same Site No.4 In Bg Block./ Date of Physical Possession 08th January 2026.	May 15, 2025 Rs. 2,81,03,407.45/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: January 13, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
301.93	Sensex	83,878.17	₹1,690	24 carat (10 gm)	₹142,300	₹10,000	1 kg	₹270,000	Dollar	90.18
106.95	Nifty	26,140.75	₹1,550	22 carat (10 gm)	₹130,450	₹100	10 gm	₹2,700	Euro	105.22

• Incremental impact arises due to a change in wage definition • Cos report rise in exceptional costs, restructuring expenses • AI-led projects drive revenue growth

IT cos' Q3 profits take hit due to new labour codes

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

EVEN as artificial intelligence-led deal wins supported revenue growth for India's top IT firms in the December quarter, profits have taken a hit due to the implementation of new labour codes.

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), India's largest IT services firm, took a ₹2,128 crore hit to its profit during the quarter as employee-cost rose due to the new labour codes. This included ₹1,816 crore for additional gratuity costs and ₹312 crore for long-term compensated absences after India's new labour codes came into effect on November 21. "The incremental impact primarily arises due to a change in wage definition," the company said.

The new labour codes consolidate 29 existing labour laws into four codes covering wages, industrial relations, social security, and occupational safety and working conditions. The reforms standardise wage definitions and expand social security provisions, leading to higher employee-related costs and provisions for companies. Meanwhile, HCLTech reported a one-time impact of ₹956 crore on earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) in Q3FY26 due to the new labour codes, while TCS reflected rising employee costs during the same period.

In its Q3FY26 results, HCLTech said it reported EBIT margin included the impact of the new labour codes, which impacted operating profit for the quarter. "Q3FY26 EBIT margins, excluding one-time impact of new labour codes, came in at 18.6%," the company said, adding that the labour code impact was at ₹956 crore at the EBIT level and ₹719 crore at net income.

Nonetheless, HCLTech CEO C Vijayakumar said during the post-earnings presser this is a one-time expenditure and the company will see only minimal impact in the following quarters. On similar lines, TCS' CFO Samir Seksaria said, "We do not see much impact going forward. The operating profit might see an impact of 10–15 bps in the coming quarters."

TCS' profit takes ₹2,128 CR hit during Dec quarter as employee-cost rose due to the new labour codes

HCLTech reports one-time impact of ₹956 CR on earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) in Q3FY26

STATUTORY IMPACT

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HOWEVER, BOTH IT GIANTS SEE POSITIVE Q3 REVENUES, AIDED BY CONTINUED GROWTH IN AI-LED PROJECTS

HCLTech's revenue from operations rise **13.3%** YoY to **₹33,872 crore** in the quarter ended December 31

TCS ALSO HIGHLIGHTS THE ROLE OF AI IN DRIVING GROWTH DURING THE QUARTER

AI revenue boost

Both IT giants had a positive Q3 in terms of revenue, aided by growth in AI-led projects. HCLTech revenue from operations rose 13.3% YoY to ₹33,872 crore in the quarter. The company said its performance was supported by strong deal wins and growth in advanced AI services, with advanced AI revenue rising 20% QoQ in constant currency terms.

TCS also highlighted the role of AI in driving growth during the quarter. "Our AI services now generate $1.8 billion in annualised revenue, reflecting the significant value we provide to clients through targeted investments across the entire AI stack," said Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director K Krithivasan.

TCS profit drops 14%, operating revenue up 5%

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

IT major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Monday reported a 14% year-on-year fall in consolidated net profit at ₹10,657 crore for the December quarter, mainly due to exceptional costs related to labour law changes, legal provisions and restructuring expenses.

The company had posted a net profit of ₹12,380 crore in the same period last year.

Revenue from operations for the quarter came in at ₹67,087 crore, a 5% rise from ₹63,973 crore a year ago. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, profit fell 12% from ₹12,075 crore in the September quarter, while revenue increased 2% from ₹65,799 crore. During the quarter, TCS reported exceptional items worth ₹2,128 crore. This included ₹1,816 crore for additional gratuity costs and ₹312 crore for long-term compensated absences after India's new labour codes came into effect on November 21.

The company set aside ₹1,010 crore for a legal claim filed by Computer Sciences Corporation in the US, which has accused TCS of misappropriating trade secrets.

In addition, TCS incurred restructuring costs of ₹253 crore in the quarter. The company said termination benefits were paid in line with its policy. The restructuring charge was 77% lower than the ₹1,135 crore recorded in the previous quarter.

In the December quarter, total headcount fell by 11,151 to 582,163 and voluntary attrition in IT services rose by 20 basis points to 13.5%.

Sudeep Kunnumal, chief human resources officer, said in the post-earnings call with analysts: "We continue to hire from campuses and laterally, while restructuring remains ongoing. About 1,800 employees were released during the year in line with policy and laws. The exercise will continue into the next quarter."

Meanwhile, even with the fall in profit, operating performance stayed steady. Operating margin was 25.2% for the quarter, unchanged from the previous quarter.

Deal activity remained stable, with total contract value at $9.3 billion for the quarter, compared with $10 billion in the previous quarter. Annualised AI services revenue increased to $1.8 billion, marking a 17.3% sequential growth in constant currency terms.

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Sudeep Kunnumal, chief HR officer, TCS

HCLTech net profit falls 11% to ₹4,076 cr, revenue from operations increases 13.3%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT services company HCLTech on Monday reported an 11% year-on-year (YoY) decline in consolidated net profit ₹4,076 crore for the December quarter, impacted by one-time costs related to the implementation of India's new labour codes.

The company had reported ₹4,591 crore in consolidated net profit in the same period last year. On a sequential basis, net profit declined 3.8%. Revenue from operations rose 13.3% YoY to ₹33,872 crore in the quarter ended December 31. On a quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) basis, revenue increased 6%.

During the quarter, profitability was affected by one-time costs arising from the adoption of new labour codes. Earnings before interest and tax (EBIT), excluding one-time labour code impact, were reported at ₹6,285 crore, with an operating margin of 18.6%. The EBIT margin also included an 81 basis point impact from restructuring costs.

The company's chief executive officer and managing director C Vijayakumar said, "Another standout quarter on all fronts, with revenue rising 4.2% QoQ in constant currency, along with a strong recovery of operating margin to 18.6%. The strong revenue momentum in the quarter has enabled us to cross $15 bn in annualised revenues. Our new bookings were exceptionally high at $3 bn."

Deal wins remained strong during the quarter, with total contract value of new deals being at $3 billion, up 17% sequentially and 43.5% YoY. Advanced AI services revenue rose 20% sequentially in constant currency (CC) terms.

On a CC basis, services revenue growth in India rose 16% YoY, Europe revenue surged 4.6% and the US revenue increased 1.5%. Revenue from the rest of the world grew 22.1%. The company announced a dividend of ₹12 per equity share..

Total headcount stood at 226,379 at the end of the quarter, with a net reduction of 261 employees. Trailing twelve-month attrition declined to 12.4%, compared with 13.2% a year earlier.

DEAL MOMENTUM

1. On a sequential basis, net profit declines **3.8%**
2. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, revenue rises **6%**
3. EBIT, excluding one-time labour code impact, comes at **₹6,285 crore**
4. Total contract value of new deals increases **44%** YoY to **$3 billion**

PUBLIC FINANCE

Net direct tax mop-up rises by 8.82% this fiscal

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE net direct tax collection by the government has increased by 8.82% to ₹18.37 lakh crore so far in the current financial year till January 11, data released by the government on Monday showed. The government has budgeted for ₹25.2 lakh crore through direct taxes in FY26. In order to achieve this target, the collection has to grow by 37% in the next two and a half months.

The tepid growth was owing to net personal taxes growing at slow 6.4% year-on-year to ₹9.3 lakh crore during the period. Though, net corporate taxes showed a healthy 12.4% growth to ₹8.63 lakh crore.

The low single-digit growth in personal taxation can be attributed to a slew of tax sops given by the government in the previous budget. The budget increased the threshold up to which no tax is levied on income from ₹7 lakh to ₹12 lakh, making any income up to ₹12.75 lakh tax free (after including the standard deduction of ₹75,000).

The budget last year tweaked tax slab, reducing tax burden on all with the highest tax rate of 30% applicable on income over ₹24 lakh from the earlier ₹18 lakh. The government had estimated a revenue loss of ₹1 lakh crore due to its direct tax proposals in the Budget, yet it has kept a target of ₹14.38 lakh crore revenue through personal taxes. The refunds collection in the financial year to January 12, 2026 has gone down sharply. The net refunds during this period stood at ₹3.11 lakh crore.

Retail inflation at 3-month high of 1.33%

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

RETAIL inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), touched a three-month high of 1.33% in December, data released by MoSPI on Monday showed. After touching a record low of 0.25% in October, it increased marginally to 0.71% in November, before crossing 1% by the end of the year.

The rise has been attributed to higher prices of vegetables, meat and fish, eggs, spices, pulses, and personal care items. "The increase in headline inflation and food inflation during the month of December 2025 is mainly attributed to increase in inflation of personal care and effects, vegetables, meat and fish, egg, spices and pulses and products," stated MoSPI.

Despite the marginal increase over the last two months, headline inflation still remains much below RBI's tolerance band of 2-6%. "Looking ahead, ICRA expects F&B (food and beverages) segment to revert to an inflation in January 2026 after printing in deflationary territory in six of the last seven months. This will push headline CPI inflation reading above 2.0% mark after a gap of four months, coming back above the lower end of the MPC's medium-term target range of 2-6%," said Aditi Nayar, chief economist, ICRA Ltd.

Food inflation, which accounts for nearly a 40% weight in consumer price index (CPI), remained in deflation at -2.7% in December. However, the pace of fall has come down from -3.9% in November. Core inflation (CPI excluding F&B, F&L, and petrol and diesel for vehicles) jumped to a 28-month high of 4.8% in December 2025 from 4.4% in November 2025. "Non-food inflation climbed as inflation in gold, silver and ornaments climbed to a high of 70.4% in December — gold inflation was up 68.7% while silver at 97.1%," said Dipti Deshpande, principal economist, Crisil Ltd.

Markets snap five-day losing streak

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity market made a comeback on Monday afternoon amid renewed hopes of trade talks with the US. After trading with sharp cuts during the first three hours of the session, NSE Sensex and NSE Nifty recovered and closed with major gains on Monday, thus snapping its five-day losing streak.

Sensex surged 301.93 points, or 0.36%, to end at 83.878.17, while the NIFTY50 closed at 25,790.25, up by 106.95 or 0.42%. In intraday trade, Sensex fell about 1% to 82,861 while Nifty50 hit a low of 25,473, its lowest in two months at 25,477.80.

The Indian equity markets continue to experience volatility amid stalled India-US trade negotiations over tariffs linked to India's Russian oil purchases. Recent US warnings of potential 500% tariffs have heightened investor concerns. US President Donald Trump imposed a 25% additional tariff on Indian goods in 2025 for Russian oil imports, raising the total to 50%, one of the highest rates applied. The rupee also weakened against the dollar over fading trade pact hopes and foreign portfolio investor outflows.

"Sentiment improved after the U.S. Ambassador's comments on ongoing efforts over India-US trade deal, while buying emerged at lover levels after 5 days of continuous selling," said Siddhartha Khemka - Head of Research, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

EXPRESS READ

Coal production rises marginally in 2025

NEW DELHI: India produced about 1,042.90 million tonne (MT) of coal on a provisional basis during calendar year 2025, from January to December, as per coal ministry. This was slightly higher than the coal output of about 1,039.62 MT recorded during the same period last year, reflecting a growth of around 0.23%. During the same period, coal supply in the country stood at about 1,016.14 MT (provisional) as against 1,013.59 MT supplied in the previous year, registering a growth of nearly 0.25%. *ENS*

DoT to start reassessment of VIL's adjusted gross revenue dues this week

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is set to begin reassessment of Vodafone Idea's adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues this week.

According to a DoT official, the process will commence once Vodafone Idea submits a formal undertaking, committing to accept the outcome of the reassessment regardless of whether the final AGR liability increases, decreases, or remains unchanged. The department has already sought this written assurance from the company and the reassessment will formally begin soon after it is submitted.

"First Vodafone Idea will have to give undertaking, then we will start the process of reassessment. Once we receive it then the committee to reassess its AGR dues will be formed," said the official.

In reassessment, the DoT set to scrutinise the company's financial records over the past 11 years, including digital filings, audit reports, and other documentation, to determine the actual AGR liability. However, the official mentioned that it could potentially lead to a major reduction in the principal amount, interest, and penalties.

Last week, Vodafone Idea, in an exchange filing said it will have to pay its AGR dues in instalments until March 2041. According to a repayment plan approved by the DoT, it will pay a maximum of ₹124 crore annually from March 2026 to March 2031, followed by ₹100 crore a year between March 2032 and March 2035. The balance AGR dues will be repaid in equal annual instalments over six years from March 2036 to March 2041. As per an earlier payment schedule, the telco had to pay Rs 18,000 crore by March 2026.

The telco says its AGR dues — including principal, interest, penalty, and interest on penalty — for the period from FY07 to FY19 have been frozen as of December 31, 2025. As per government calculations, the frozen AGR dues amount to around ₹87,695 crore. In a further relief, the DoT will constitute a committee to reassess Vodafone Idea's AGR dues, whose decision will be final. The revised amount determined after reassessment will also be repaid in equal instalments during the March 2036–March 2041 period.

Maruti Suzuki to invest ₹4,960 cr in new Guj facility to boost output

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

MARUTI Suzuki India's (MSIL) board has approved land acquisition in Gujarat to expand production capacity by up to 10 lakh units annually.

This move involves an investment of around ₹4,960 crore for land purchase, development, and preparatory works at the Khoraj Industrial Estate from the Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation.

"...Board today granted approval to acquire land for expansion of production capacity at Khoraj Industrial Estate from Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation," said MSIL in a regulatory filing on Monday.

This will be the carmaker's second manufacturing facility in Gujarat. As of now, the Hansalpur facility (Gujarat) has three plants with 2.5 lakh each annual capacity. The fourth plant at Hansalpur is planned to be commissioned in FY27 and will add another 10 lakh units annually.

Maruti Suzuki operates at around 24 lakh units annual production across facilities in Haryana and Gujarat, with installed capacity at 26 lakh units. The company cites rising domestic and export demand as the key driver for this capacity ramp-up to meet market growth.

The ₹4,960 crore outlay covers land acquisition, development, and preparatory activities, funded through internal accruals and external borrowings. Further phases for installing production capacity and total capital expenditure will follow board approvals as development progresses.

Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC), parent company of Maruti Suzuki, had said last year it will invest ₹70,000 crore in India over the next five–six years to increase its capacity to 40 lakh units by FY31. The expansion by MSIL comes amid impressive growth in exports and the carmaker's effort to reclaim 50% share in the domestic passenger vehicle market.

Maruti Suzuki produced over 22.55 lakh units in CY2025, its highest-ever production in a calendar year.

This is the second consecutive year that the company has exceeded 20 lakh units in annual production. The production includes vehicles for domestic sales, exports and OEM supplies. As of now, Maruti Suzuki manufactures 17 models and over 650 variants across these state-of-the-art facilities.

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL JUDGE FAMILY COURT, AT BENGALURU
G and WC No. 367/2025

BETWEEN: Kumari. Pooja S, Aged about 21 years, Daughter of Srinivas V C, Residing at No. 197/A 3rd Main, 5th Cross Prakash Nagar Srirampuram Bengaluru, 560021 **Petitioner**
AND Nill **Respondent**

NOTICE BT WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908

Whereas the Petitioner herein has preferred the above Petition, seeking prayer under Section 25 of Guardianship and wards Act, 1890, before the Principal Judge Family Court at Bengaluru, Nyaya Degula Complex, Siddaiah Road, Shanti Nagar, Bengaluru, 560027, seeking prayer to declare the Petitioner herein as a guardian for the ward named Kumari. Varsha and confirm the custody of the ward to the Petitioner, wherein the aforesaid court has passed an order dated 10/12/2025 and stands posted 12/02/2026 at 11:00 AM before the above said court in person/ Pleader/ advocate at 11:00 Am before the Principal family and district court at Bengaluru, Failing which the above case will be disposed as Exparte.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Senior Sheristedar, Family court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Petitioner: **Nagendra.R,** Advocate, M.V. extension, Hoskote, Bengaluru- 562114

DOCUMENT LOST

I, **Nirmitha, K,** Byadarahalli Village, Hullyurdurga Hobli, Kunigal Talluk, Tumakuru, Karnataka. Have lost the Document/Article: **Original Sale Deed, "Regarding Old Account Number 59 2/C 1135, Chalti Gram Panchayat,** with Computerized Property (Self-Assessment) Number: **152500402200 720075 IM21/2005-06 Shidalingaia.** Manjula-Document **No-HUL-1-00805-2014-15.** The Document holds Immense Significance as proof of Ownership. The Document is been missing at Bus going from Huliyurdurga Bus Stand to K Byadarahalli from **12.04.2025** and inspite of best efforts to search, it could not be traced. If found contact: **7795871654** or please inform nearby Police Station. Reference GSC **No.PO1099250600838, Date: 28.11.2025.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is given to the General public that my client is going to bank for sanction the loan in favor of borrower by name **Smt. Lakshmamma Urf Mahalakshmamma W/o C. Ramakrishna,** residing at BGS Vinayaka Nagara, Arishinakunte, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka-562123, with respect to below mentioned schedule property. As per the information borrower she has lost or misplaced original Hakkupathra dated:15-02-2012, registered in the Sub-Registrar office Dasanapura Bangalore, Vide Registration No.DSP-1-10248-2011-12, CD No. DSPD111 issued by Bangalore North Tahsildar in favour of **Smt.Mahalakshmamma W/o C. Ramakrishnaiah.**

SCHEDULE: All the piece and parcel of the bearing Survey No.101 and Site No.45, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 30 feet is situated at Dasanapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. And bounded on East by: Road, West by: Site No.68, North by: Site No.44 and South by: Site No.46.

Above mentioned original Hakkupathra same has been lost or misplaced by the borrower by name **Smt. Lakshmamma Urf Mahalakshmamma W/o C. Ramakrishna** Hence if anybody having any title, interest and right in any manner over the above said document in respect of the above schedule property may intimate the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of this publication, failing which my client shall proceed with the loan transaction as not claimed.

S.H Singaiah, Advocate
No.121, Eshwar Plaza, 3rd Floor, 4th Main, 1st Stage, West of Chord Road, ManjunathaNagara, Bangalore-560010.
Mob. 9844964791

LOSS OF ORIGINAL SALE DEED

My Client, N Rajenderan, Son of Shri K. Narayanaswamy, resident of No. 429, 6th Cross, 2nd Main, Pillanna Garden, 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560045 has lost the Original Absolute Sale Deed dated 04.09.2003, registered in the Office of Sub Registrar, Krishnarajapuram, Bengaluru vide BNG(U) KRP/10618/2003-04 Pages 1-10, CD No. 104 in respect of the Property bearing Site No. 72, Converted Sy Nos. 99/1, 99/2 and 100/1A, Khatha No. 508, situated at Horamavu Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet bounded in the East by 30 Feet Road, West By Site No. 66, North by Site No. 71 and South by 30 Feet Road, in and around Pillanna Garden on or between 01st January and 12th January 2026. In this regard my Client has lodged a Lost Article Report with the Bengaluru City Police vide Lost Report No. 2004965/2026 dated 12.01.2026. Any one finding the above original Sale Deed may contact the undersigned or my Client on 9449207764.

For LAW SERVE & PARTNERS
Sd/-
RJ Prakashan
Advocate & Managing Partner

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Smt. MALLIKA, W/o NK Dore,** aged about 66 years residing at 1948, 9th Cross, Water Tank Road, Sahakarnagar Post, Bangalore 560092 has lost/misplaced the original Allotment letter, Permission letter and Sale deed No GNR-01-02654-2017-18, Book No 1, CD No. GNRD134 dated 21-09-2017, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Gandhinagar, Bangalore for Site No. 252, carved out of **Sy No 81, Bellahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli,** approved by BDA measuring 56.37 sq meters measuring East to West 6 sq Meters and North to South 9.19+9.60/2 sq meters allotted by Fourth Grade Employees Association of the Secretariat of Government of Karnataka and bounded on:-

East by : Site No 251
West by : Site No 240
North by : Site No 241 and 250
South by : Road

C N CHANDRASHEKAR, BA, LLB,
Advocate/Notary Public
No. 43/1, G 11, B Block, Fortuna Vista Apts, Kodigehalli, Thindlu Main Road, Bengaluru-560097, Mob: 9880991689

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore–560 001.

O. A. No.2148 OF 2025

Between: Union Bank of India , Rajarajeshwari Nagar Branch, Bangalore - 560 098. **...Applicant**
And
M/s. HENCON Associates, Represented by its Parteners & Others **...Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

To:
Def:1. M/s. HENCON Associates, No. 274, 1 "D" Main Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore - 560 060, Represented by its Parteners, Mr. Mohan M & Smt Manasa K. L.
Def:2. Sri Mohan M., S/o. Sri Mylarappa, Aged about 48 years, Partners, M/s. Hencon Associates,
Def:3. Smt. Manasa K. L. W/o. Sri Karthik, Aged about 42 years, Partners, M/s. Hencon Associates,
Defendant No. 2 & 3 are also R/a. No. 274, 1 "D" Main Road, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore - 560 060,
Also at No. 2/1, 1st Main Markandeshwara nagar, Opp: Magadi Road,, Near ETA Mall, Bangalore - 560 023.

Whereas, the above named Applicant has instituted an Application U/s 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the Defendant for recovery of a sum of **Rs.31,62,000/-**along with interest at 14.00 % p.a. compounded from date of application till date of recovery. You are required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **23.02.2026 at 10.30 A.M.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **14.10.2025 at Bangalore.**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II,
Bangalore- 560 001

BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II FOR KARNATAKA, AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajabhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

O.A. No. 2683/ 2024

Between
M/s. Bank of Baroda
ROSARB South Region
41/2, 4th Floor, Vijaya Towers, M.G.Road, Trinity Circle, Bengaluru-560001. .....Applicant
And
3. M/s. Fashion DOT
Reptd. by its Prop. Purnima .H.K
4. Mrs. Purnima .H.K
No. 225, Ground Floor, Behind Shaneswara Temple, Hosapalya Main Road, ITI Layout, Bengaluru-560068. .... Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO. 1 & 2 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

Defendant No. 1 :
M/s. Fashion DOT
Reptd. by its Prop. Purnima .H.K
No. 225, Ground Floor, Behind Shaneswara Temple, Hosapalya Main Road, ITI Layout, Bengaluru-560068.
Defendant No. 2 :
Mrs. Purnima .H.K
No. 10, 59/7, 16th Cross, BCR Layout, Virat Nagar, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068.

Whereas, the above named applicant has instituted an application U/S 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 26,53,939.95/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Nine and Ninety Five Paise only) as on 26.08.2024, together with further cost and interest. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **31.03.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why the relief prayer for should not be granted.

Take notice that, in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **5th day of January 2026 at Bengaluru.**

(Registrar)
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II for Karntaka.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General public that our client, SRI DHANANJAY S/o SRINIVAS is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from SRI. M. GOVINDAN aged about 65 years, S/o Muniswamy Naidu. The persons/s objecting for the proposed to purchase or having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the schedule property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims whatsoever along with documentary proof on before seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice, with the undermentioned Advocate failing which our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction of the above stated person.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable Residential property bearing Site No. 17, now assiged as E-PID No.3510283568 CMC katha No. 123/17, now coming under the jurisdiction of Bruhut Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits Ward No.11, situated at Jarakabande Kaval Village, Yelahanaka Hobli, Yelahanaka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring East to West 45-0 feet and North to South 43+45/2 feet in all total 1980 square feet with all rights appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on :- **EAST BY :** 30 Feet Road, **WEST BY** : Site No. 16 **NORTH BY :** s5 feet Road, **SOUTH BY :** Private Property.

SURENDRA .T, Advocate
Supradeep, No. 32, 5th Cross, Ashrama Colony, AECS Layout, Sanjaynagar RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560094.
Mob. 9448694715

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER (HQ) SECONDARY JALORE (RAJ.)

No. deo/hq/sec/jalore/Accounts/2025-26/01 Date: 05.01.2026

NOTICE INVITING TENDER No.-2

Bid of procurement of supply of complete Ladies & Gents Bicycles procurement is inviting form interest bidders up to **16-01-2026 time 12:30 P.M.** Other particulars of the bid may be visiting on the procurement portal **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** & **https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** of the site.

S.No.	Item / Description of work	Estimated cost (In Rupees)	UBN
01.	Supply of Complete Ladies & Gents Bicycles 20" (Colour - Orange)	1,04,53,914/-	EDU2526GLOB00117

Sd/- (Bhanwar Lal Parmar)
Dist. Education Officer,
(HQ.) Secondary, Jalore

DIPR/C/367/2025

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER MEGALIFT, BHUBANESWAR
ମୁଖ୍ୟଯନ୍ତ୍ରୀଙ୍କ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟାଳୟ, ବୃହତ୍ ଉଠା ଜଳସେଚନ, ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର
Plot No. A-8/2, 1st Floor, Bhoi Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751022 (Odisha)
E-Mail: cemlpwr.od@gmail.com, Ph: 91-0674-2567252, 91-0674-2567258
No. 286 / Dated. 09.01.2026

Tender Cancellation Notice

Bid Identification No.5ML/2025-26

A-1265: The tender for the work "Execution of 03 nos. of Lift Irrigation Schemes with intake points on Kanpur Main Canal, Ardei Nadi & Balisudra River having Command area between 500Ha. to 2000 Ha. in Cluster No. XXXVIIII in the district of Keonjhar & Mayurbhanj including its distribution network, up to 1 Ha Chak having total planned Culturable Command Area of 4,280 Ha. on "EPC -Turn Key" basis including power system connectivity and Operation & Maintenance of complete commissioned schemes for fifteen years" invited vide Bid Identification No. 5ML/2025-26 is hereby cancelled due to administrative reasons..

Sd/- Chief Engineer, Megalift
Bhubaneswar

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large that our clients intend/propose to purchase the Item No.1 of the schedule property/ies from its owner Sri.Shashidar S/o Venkaiah Hebbar and Item No.2 of the schedule property/ies from its owner Smt.Pushpa W/o Sri. Shashidar both Residing at Naganayakanahalli, Panchami estate, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. Both represent that they are the absolute owners having clear and marketable title over the schedule property/ies.

ALL PERSONS including individuals, Hindu undivided family, companies, banks, financial institution(s), non-banking financial institution(s), firms, association of persons or a body of individuals, whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any benefits, objection, demand, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of schedule property or any part or portion thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, succession, family arrangement/s, settlement, bequest, possession, lease, tenancy, maintenance, easement, memorandum of understanding, license, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, partnership, right of way, lis pendens, decree or order of any judicial/quasi-judicial authority, reservation, contracts/ agreement, power of attorney, option, FSI consumption, right of first refusal, pre-emption or any liability or commitment or otherwise of any nature whatsoever, are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned at the address mentioned below within a period of 7 (seven) days from the date of the publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or right, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and thereafter our client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction with the owners referred above.

"SCHEDULE PROPERTY"

Item No-1 : All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing Sy.No.75/1 measuring 2 Acres 30 Guntas situated at Sidihosakote Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on the : **East by :** Property bearing Sy.No.78/1, Sy.No.79/1C & Sy.No.79/1D;
West by : Property bearing Sy.No.58;
North by : Property bearing Sy.No.76;
South by : Property bearing Sy.No.74/3A, Sy.No.74/3B & Sy.No.75/2;
Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing Sy.No.74/3A measuring 12 Guntas and Sy.No. 74/3B measuring 12 Guntas (adjoining to each other) in all measuring 24 Guntas situated at Sidihosakote Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District commonly bounded on the : **East by :** Property bearing Sy.No.79/1B & Sy.No.79/1C; **West by :** Property bearing Sy.No.74/2;
North by : Property bearing Sy.No.75/1;
South by : Rajakaluve;
Dated this 13th Day of January 2025

SAI PRAKASH BHASKAR, ADVOCATE
BNB Associates
#311/1, 1st Floor, 26th Cross Rd, Siddanna Layout, Banashankari Stage II, Banashankari, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560070
Email: saiprakashbhaskar9@gmail.com

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU(DRT-2)
4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

CASE NO O A NO.372/2023

UNION BANK OF INDIA
Jayanagar Branch
No. 429/31, Ramakrishna Building.
30th cross road, 4th block,
Jayanagar west, Bangalore-560011
And
1. M/s. Nissi Furn
Represented by its Proprietor
B. Anil Varaprasad Rao
Having its registered Office at: No. 10/30/1, 11th main, Bombay Dyeing Road, Gokula 1st stage, 3rd phase, Bangalore-560054
2. B Anil Varaprasad Rao S/o Jayakumar
Residing at: 10/30/1, 11th Main, Bombay Dyeing Road, Gokula 1st stage, 3rd Phase, Bangalore-560054
3. Molaka Venkata Lakshmi
W/o B. Anil Varaprasad Rao
Residing at: No. 21/16th cross, 2nd Main, Near Manjunath Medical, BK Nagar, Yeshwanthapura, Bangalore-560022
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

Whereas the Applicant has issued an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 35,62,761.34/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One and thirty four Only) **as on 09.03.2020,** together with current and future interest and other relief's. The above Defendant, is therefore, hereby directed to before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorized agents in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **13.02.2026 at 10.30am** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this day **07.01.2026**

Register
Debt Recovery Tribunal -2
Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is hereby issued on behalf of my client, **SMT. SYEDA AKHTARUNNISA,** W/o Late Mohamed Azizur Rahman, residing at House No. 53, 8th Main, BTM Layout, 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029, to bring to the notice of the general public that the original registered Sale Deed pertaining to her property has been lost/misplaced and is not traceable despite diligent search. The said property was self-acquired by my client under a registered Sale Deed. The details of the missing document are as follows:

Document Type : Registered Sale Deed
Document No.: 7009/1962 of Book-I, Volume No.1445, pages 385 page 59-60, and No.5302-1979/80 of Book-1, Volume No.496, pages 247-249, in the office of the Sub- registrar Bangalore South Taluk,
Date of Registration : 15.03.1962 and 26.03.1980
Registered at : Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk
Property Location : No. 53 (Old No. 3), situated at New Gurappanapalaya, 5th Cross Road, Maruthi Extension, Bengaluru - 560029,

Despite all efforts, the said document could not be traced and accordingly, my Client intends to apply for a certified copy/duplicate copy of the said registered document from the concerned Sub-Registrar's Office.

Any person who has found the original document or has any claim, objection or interest in respect of the said property / document is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned in writing **within 7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice; failing which, it shall be construed that no such claim or objection exists, and further necessary action will be taken to obtain a certified copy.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of site bearing No. 53 (Old No.3), situated at New Gurappanapalaya, 5th Cross Road, Maruthi Extension, Bengaluru 560029, Ward No. 170, comprising a total extent of 1500 (One Thousand Five Hundred) square feet of land, measuring East to West 50 (Fifty) feet and North to South 30 (Thirty) bounded on the:
East by : Road, **West by :** Vokkaligara Thyappa Property, **North by :** Property bearing old No. 4
South by : Property bearing old No. 2

Kanakaraj. J, Advocate
SK Law Associates
#27, 1st Floor, PVR Road, Ranasinghpet, Bengaluru -560053
Mobile : 98868 33330 Email : advkkrj@gmail.com

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore–560 001.

O. A. No. 1558 OF 2024

Between: Canara Bank, (Erstwhile Syndicate Bank) BTM Layout Branch, Bangalore - 560 076. **...Applicant**
And
M/s. AGAPE Print Point ...Defendant

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993

To:
Def: M/s.AGAPE Print Point , Represented by its proprietor, Sri Kumar Dharma, S/o. Sri D. Duraiswamy, aged about 63 years, No. 2, 21st Cross, Ground Floor, Lakshmipura, (CMH Road Cross), Ulsoor, Bangalore - 560 078.

Whereas, the above named Applicant has instituted an Application U/s 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the Defendant for recovery of a sum of **Rs.33,06,133/-**along with interest at 12.35% p.a. compounded monthly from the date of application till date of recovery and other reliefs. You are required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons on or before **23.02.2026 at 10.30 A.M.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that, in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **15.10.2025 at Bangalore.**

Sd/- Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II Bangalore

ಕೆನರು ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
ಭಾರತ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಒಂದು ಉದ್ಯಮ भारत सरकार का उपक्रम A Government of India Undertaking
ಸಿಂಡಿಕೇಟ್ सिंडिकेट Syndicate

Asset Recovery Management Branch-II
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No. 86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Telephone numbers 080-25310099, 080-25310181 - e-mail - cb6298@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/ GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

Ref:6298/SARFAESI/ARM II/357/2025-26 **Date: 12.01.2026**

Borrower/s : Sri Mohan Iyengar S/o Rangaswamy Iyengar
C 133, Zircon, Sobha Iltima, 3rd Floor, Jakkur Plantations Yelahanka Bengaluru-560064
Gurantor : Sri Ramesh N S/o Narayanappa Adavappa
No 132/A, 10th Main Kalappa Block Srinagar Bangalore-560050
Builder : M/s Bcil Redearth India Private Limited, Represented By Its Authorised Signatory Sri Selvaraj B, No 2, Above Nilgiris, Vyalikaval Main Road, Near Bashyam Circle, Bangalore-560003
Dear Sir,

Sub: Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank ARM II branch(hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That Sri Mohan Iyengar (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the **Schedule A** hereunder and have entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above mentioned agreements.

That Sri Ramesh N (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor"), has guaranteed the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to the secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities **(Fund based / Non Fund Based)** up to the limit of **Rs. 3,29,27,019.40/- (Rupees Three Crores Twenty Nine Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand And Nineteen and Paise Forty Only) as on 12.01.2026** with interest thereon.

Sri Mohan Iyengar and **M/S BCIL Red earth India Private Limited represented by its Authorised signatory Sri Selvaraj B** have also entered in to Tripartite agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder. However, from **Oct 2017** the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured assets shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on 06.01.2026 amounts to **Rs. 3,29,27,019.40/- (Rupees Three Crores Twenty Nine Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand And Nineteen and Paise Forty Only) as on 12.01.2026 + further Interest and charges thereon,** the details of which together with future interest rate are stated in Schedule C hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Guarantor having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given, and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility/ies having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ instalment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as **Non-Performing Asset (NPA) as on 17.01.2018** in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in **Schedule C** hereunder to the secured creditor **within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.** Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of mentioned in **schedule C** together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum **Rs. 3,29,27,019.4- (Rupees Three Crores Twenty Nine Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand And Nineteen and Paise Forty Only) as on 12.01.2026** together with further interest (as stated in **schedule C**) and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:

13(4)- In case the Borrower/Guarantor fails to discharge liability in full within the period specified in sub-
section (2), the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures to recover his secured debt, namely;

(a) Take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/Guarantor including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset;
(b) Take over the management of the business of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset:
Provided that the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale shall be exercised only where the substantial part of the business of the Borrower is held as security for the debt;

Provided further that where the management of whole of the business or part of the business is severable, the secured creditor shall take over the management of such business of the borrower which is relatable to the security for the debt and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

You are also put on notice that in terms of **Section 13(13) the Borrower/Guarantor shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor.** It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/ restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the secured creditor. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income.

This notice of Demand is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the secured creditor may have including further demands for the sums found due and payable by you.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the Act and/or any other law in force.

Please comply with the demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of Non-compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequence.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully,
AUTHORIZED OFFICER

SCHEDULE –A
[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Sl No	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of sanction	Sanctioned Amount (Rs.)
1	3800619000016	HOUSING FINANCE	24.04.2015	1,35,00,000

SCHEDULE –B
[Details of security assets]
Details of Immovable Assets

Sl No	Nature	Name of the Title Holder
1	Residential Villa bearing No 19, measuring 3186Sq ft of built up area and 2325 Sq ft,(216 Sq Mtrs) of plot area, comprised in Survey No 115 (New No 115/1), in the residential layout named "ZED EARTH" carved on the Schedule 'A' property vide sanction order no BIAAPA/TP/LAO/278/2009, duly sanctioned by Bangalore International Airport Area Planning Authority having together with all common areas attributed thereto and bounded as follows. East by Site No 18, West by Site No 20, North by 3 mtr Pathway and Park and South by 12mtr Wide Road	TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT

SCHEDULE - C
[Details of liability as on date 12.01.2026

Sl No	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Principal as on date 12.01.2026	Interest and other charges as on date 12.01.2026	Total Liability as on date 12.01.2026
1	3800619000016	HOUSING FINANCE	1,40,43,860.00	1,88,83,159.4	3,29,27,019.4

EASTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: F/CR/WC/125, Dated: 08.01.2026. Chief Workshop Manager, Eastern Railway Locomotive Workshop, Jamalpur, Dist.: Munger, Bihar, Pin: 811214 invites open e-tenders for the following works from adequate financial and technical resources for subject work or similar nature of work within the prescribed time limit. **Name of Work**: Overhauling of associated equipments (Alternator, Electrical Control System, Hydraulic System (Radiator Fan Drive), D.G. Set-11 KVA, Alternator (Coach battery Charger) & Hydraulic Lifting Platform) of 8 wheeler DETC. **Quantity**: 04 (Four) Nos. **Tender Value**: Rs. 2,28,48,021.20, **Bid Security**: Rs. 2,64,300/-. **Cost of Tender Document:** Nil (As per clause 03 Tenders for works of Part I of GCC, April 2022). **Completion Date of work:** The entire work shall be completed within 12 months from date of issue of Letter of Acceptance from this office. **Validity of offer:** 60 days. **Tender Closing Date & Time**: 30.01.2026 at 15.00 hrs. **Definition of "Similar Nature of Work":** "Any firm with Previous Proven Experience of Overhauling/ Repairing of Tower Car parts. Any one or more of the above work executed in any unit of Indian Railway or PUs or Central/State Government Establishments or Public listed Company/Trusts having average annual turnover of Rs.500 Crores and above will be considered". Tender document will be available on website **www.ireps.gov.in**

MISC-356/2025-26

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ANNEXURE—VI **(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**

Possession Notice

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

1. H C Shivakumar S/o H C Channaiah Patel, Residing at # No 41, Veerabhadra Nilaya,Bhadravathi Taluk Dist Shimoga 577201 India.
2. Sharmila G S W/o H C Shivakumar ,Residing At # No 41, Veerabhadra Nilaya, Bhadravathi Taluk Dist Shimoga 577201 India
LOAN A/C NO- DLOD – 50200032039449, 50200032078902, 50200047894112, 84318451

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 23-05-2025 calling upon the borrowers **1] H C SHIVAKUMAR S/O H C CHANNAIAH PATEL 2] SHARMILA G S W/O H C SHIVAKUMAR** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs. 92,88,673.37** (Rupees ninty two lakh eighty eight thousand six hundred seventy three and thirty seven paisa only) along with interest , penal interest, costs etc. within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrowers, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section 4 of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this day of **07-01-2026.**

The borrower, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the HDFC Bank Ltd, for an amount of **Rs. 92,88,673.37** (Rupees ninty two lakh eighty eight thousand six hundred seventy three and thirty seven paisa only) along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. From 23-05-2025 (date of notice).

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Schedule of Immovable Property & Security

All that the Piece and Parcel of the open site Rajanukunte Grama Panchayath PID no 150200200600322878 Assesment / Door no 368/84 , Measuring East by 12 meters road. West site no 85, North by 9 mtr road, South by site no 83 situated in vishwanathapura village, hesaraghatta hobli bengaluru Site number 84, Survey number – 132 Adde (PROPERTY OWNED BY H C SHIVAKUMAR S/O H C CHANNAIAH PATEL).
East By : 12 meters road; West By : site no 85; North By : 9 mtr road; South By : by site no 83;
(Property Owned H C SHIVAKUMAR S/O H C CHANNAIAH PATEL).

Date: 07.01.2026
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
For HDFC BANK Ltd.,

Regd.Office : HDFC Bank Limited, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **Sri. Kamal Thadani,** S/o Late. Fatechand Thadani, aged about 71 years, USA National, And **Smt. Padma Kamal Thadani,** W/o Sri Kamal Thadani, aged about 69 years, USA National, both residents of USA, are joint owners of the Schedule Property hereunder mentioned. They have jointly executed a General Power of Attorney dated 14-04-2016, Apostilled by Secretary of State, Florida at USA, in favour of **Sri. Manohar Thadani,** S/o Late Fatechand Thadani, aged about 73 years, residing at No.428/22, 'A' Sector, 3rd Phase, Opposite Raghavendra Temple, New Town, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064, (brother of Sri. Kamal Thadani), authorising him to deal, sell and receive sale consideration in respect of the said property.

Based on the said authority, Sri. Ravishankar S S, a bona-fide purchaser, has entered into a Sale Agreement with the said GPA Holder.

Any person/s, institutions, banks or organizations having any claim, right, title, interest, charge, lien or encumbrance whatsoever over the said property are hereby called upon to submit their objections if any, in writing ***within 15 days*** from the date of publication of this notice to:

G R LAW FIRM
Unit No.5, Ground Floor, Kedia Arcade, No.92, Infantry Road, Bengaluru-560001
(In person or by Post with acknowledgment)

Failing which, the purchaser shall proceed with the purchase of the property and all claims, if any shall be treated as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All piece and parcel of the **immovable commercial property, Unit No.7,** Ground Floor, measuring totally super built-up area of **315 Sq. Ft.** in the multi-storeyed building named **Kedia Arcade, No.92, Infantry Road, Opp. Guardian Bank, Bengaluru-560001.**

Gayathri Ravishankar.
Advocate for Purchaser
G R Law Firm, Bengaluru.
Date: 13.01.2026 Place: Bengaluru

ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (APCRDA)
Block 4, Near APCRDA Project Office, Rayapudi Post, Tulluru Mandal, Amaravati, Guntur Dist, A.P. PIN: 522237

E-procurement Tender Notice

NIT No. 111/MAU61-ADMN0STG(OTH)/12/2025-STG **Dt. 11.01.2026**

Name of Work: APCRDA - "RFP for Selection of Consulting Firm for Development of Governance and Institutional Framework for Amaravati Capital City"

The bid can be downloaded on **AP e-procurement portal from 13.01.2026 to 04.02.2026 up to 14.00 Hrs.** Due date for submission of Bid is **04.02.2026 up to 15.00 Hrs, Technical bid opening 04.02.2026 @16.00 Hrs.** For further details Please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in and www.crda.ap.gov.in.** Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Amaravati.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited KITFRA) invites e-Tenders under two cover bid system (Bid 1 : Prequalification & Techno Commercial bid and Bid 2: Price Bid) from eligible Consultants for the work "Consultancy Contract For Architectural Cum Engineering Services for Setting up of second IT Building At CYBERPARK, Kozhikode". **Tender No. KITFRA/IT/ 2025-26/26; Last Date of submission of e-tender: 3.00 pm on 22/01/2026;** Tender documents and tender schedule may be downloaded from the e-GP website: www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

Date: 12/01/2026
Trivandrum

Managing Director
Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited

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Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Tumkur
NO.18/EE/RDWS&SD/TMK/JJM/AE-1&2&3/3186/25-26
Date: 07.01.2026

Short Term Tender Notification

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Tumkur has Invites request for proposal tenders from the eligible bidders for the One Cover and Two Cover work detailed in the table below. Tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenders are Required to submit through Karnataka Public Procurement mode through portal. (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/) from Class-IV & above PWD Registered Contractors who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following JJM Works of C N HAlli, Gubbi, Kunigal Koratagere, Madhugiri, Sira, Tumkur, Tiptur and Turuvekere Taluk of Tumkur Dist. As per the schedule given below. (Minimum Tender Amount Rs.15.84 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.39,600/- and Maximum Tender Amount Rs.79.80 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.159600/-)

Particulars & Details: 1. Last date of submit bids on Karnataka Public Procurement portal **21-01-2026** Upto 5.00 Hours. 2. Pre Bid Meeting (KW-3WORKS) Date: **17.01.2026** at 11.00 AM Venue, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division Tumkur. 3. Technical Opening of Bids: **22-01-2026** at 5.30 PM onwards. 4. Financial Opening of Bids **23-01-2026** at 5.30 PM onwards.

For further particulars/details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)

Sd/-(Sri K M Kumaraswamy)
Executve Engineer,
RDW&S, Division, Tumkur.

DIPR/TUM/406/KSMCA/2025-26

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details :
Name: Sri Nagaraja .V
E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: +91 9448441455
Landline No. (Office): 080-2594 3663

Address of the Branch :
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (SARB)
No. 11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J. C. Road, Bengaluru - 560 002.
Contact: CCO: Sri Yagnesh
M: +91 9884798001, Tel:080-2594-3678/3663
E-mail Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in.

APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6(2) & 9(1)]
E-Auction on 28.01.2026
STATUTORY NOTICE FOR SALE UNDER SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.
E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF Movable UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 6(2) & 9(1) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors in particular that the below described movable and immovable properties mortgaged/charged/hypothecated to the Secured creditor, **State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru,** the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **28-01-2026** for recovery of **Rs. 3,17,04,958-00 (Rupees Three crore seventeen lakh four thousand nine hundred fifty eight only)** as on 08.01.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from 09.01.2026 with incidental expenses + costs, charges etc., due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from Borrower **: Sri Balasupramanian Vengattaramanan,** S/o. Sri Shivaramakrishnan Balasupramanian, Plot No. 7D, AKBS Alankar Apartments, Hanthiniketan Anex, Madmbakkam, Chennai - 600126, **Rep by GPA: Smt. B. Ramadevi,** D/o. Sri Shivaramakrishnan Balasupramanian, **Also at :** Sri Balasupramanian Vengattaramanan, S/o Sri Shivaramakrishnan Balasupramanian, No. 5, Villa Main Road, 1st Cross, K V layout, Krishnarajapuram, Bengaluru - 560036, **Also at :** Sri Balasupramanian Vengattaramanan, S/o. Sri Shivaramakrishnan Balasupramanian, Flat No. F-1608 REEF 2, Al Nahada, Al Tawun, Sharjah, UAE, Dubai – 286 and **Guarantor : Sri Danendra B,** S/o Sri Bachanna, No. 18, Pipeline Main Road, Karnataka Layout, 2nd Stage, Kaverinagar, Bengaluru - 560079.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable properties to be sold will be as under :

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Date, Time of e-Auction of property	Last date for receipt of EMD
1	Rs. 3,17,00,000/-	Rs. 31,70,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-	28.01.2026, 11:00 AM to 04.00 PM	On or before 28.01.2026 up to 11.00 A.M.

TENDER No. SARB/2025-26/NV-YN/F-6678/
ASSET I'D: SBIN200065078473

Description of the Movable & Immovable Properties : All that part and parcel of Residential House property comprising of Residential land and building, bearing Khata No. 639, Assessment No. 211, 213 and 38/2, Site No. 18, House List No. 18, admeasuring 2000 square feet, Situated at Laggere Gramatana, Yashwanthapur Hobli, Bengaluru bearing present Corporation No. 18, Karnataka HBCS 2nd stage, having PID No. 16-45-18, BBMP Ward No. 16, Property standing in the name of Sri Balasupramanian Vengattaramanan, S/o. Sri Sivaramakrishnan Balasupramanian. **Bound : On the East by**: Property No. 17, **On the West by** : Property No. 19, **On the North by :** Road **On the South by :** Civic Amenity Property.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT, 2002.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Corporate Guarantors/Mortgagors are hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J. C. Road, Bengaluru, represented by its Authorised Officer, i.e., **https://baanknet.com**

Date and Time during which inspection of the immovable secured assets to be sold and intending bidders should satisfy themselves about the assets and their specification property may be visit **between 10 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.** on any day before the auction with prior appointment. **For further details contact : Mr. Nayak, Mob : 8971151617 , Mr. Nitin, Mob : 8618097517.**

Date: 09.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, SARB, Bangalore

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Tender Notice No.PCME/SCR/ Mech/02/2026/ACWP-RT2 Dated 09.01.2026

PUB/1752

PCME acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No SCR-Mech-02-2026-ACWP-RT2 Closing Date/Time 02/02/2026 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored

S.No.: 01 **Tender Notice No.:** PCME/SCR/Mech/02/2026/ACWP-RT2 Dated 09.01.2026 **Tender No.:** SCR/Mech/02/2026/ACWP-RT2 dated 09.01.2026 **Name of the work :** Design, Manufacture, Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Prove out of **Automatic Coach Washing Plants (ACWP) (on turnkey basis)** at Coaching Depot/Charlapalli of Secunderabad Division Coaching Depot/Aurangabad of Nanded Division, Coaching Depot/Vijayawada of Vijayawada Division and Coaching Depot/Machilipatnam of Vijayawada division **Bid value (₹):** 10,99,25,959.03/- (inclusive of GST) **Tender closing date:** 02.02.2026 at 15.00 hrs

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Norway Chess moves to Oslo

The 2026 edition of Norway Chess will be held in Oslo rather than Stavanger. And, in a significant coup, they have also secured Magnus Carlsen's place in the tournament for the latest edition. Carlsen, who doesn't play a lot of Classical chess, is the defending champion after winning it in 2025. The tournament has emerged as a popular event for leading Indians so it remains to be seen if the likes of D Gukesh and Arjun Erigaisi

Rahul, India's Mr Dependable in the middle

Karnataka man, with his ability to adapt during death overs, has been involved in many chases since start of 2023

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THERE were a few familiar, comforting sights for India during the course of their run-chase against New Zealand in the first ODI on Sunday. Rohit Sharma going over the top in the powerplay. Virat Kohli reminding the world about his amazing record while chasing targets. Shreyas Iyer's front-footed approach irrespective of the situation.

And, then, there was KL Rahul, whose quite rearguard took India home. It's been difficult to box Rahul in one position since he made his debut as an opener in 2016. Over the last decade, he has featured in every position from 1 till 7. As an opener, he did have trouble to pace his innings (strike rate of 79.7). Even as the BCCI tried to find a permanent slot for him, the numbers told its own story. Whey they finally listened to the numbers, they could no longer ignore the evidence. In 26 innings as an opener or No. 3 from 2016 to 2022, his career strike rate of a shade below 80 was well below the average of the times. It suggested a clear problem.

But when he was initially crowbarred in the middle-order, he found a natural tempo. These days, his slot as a finisher at either No. 5 or No. 6 is pretty much set in stone. When his employer will sit down to start their final preparations for the World Cup in South Africa, Rahul will likely find a place there, irrespective of what they decide to do with the likes of Hardik Pandya, Ravindra Jadeja, Rishabh Pant and Shreyas Iyer, the players currently competing for a spot in said middle-order.

In the middle order, he becomes a different beast. Why's that the case? He's an outstanding white-ball player against spin through the middle overs both sides of the wicket. With spread out fields in the middle overs, he knows he has the shots in his arsenal to access different areas of the ground. One only needs to go back and watch a tape of his match-winning innings against Australia at the 2023 World Cup in Chennai. On a difficult, two-paced track, he showed different facets of his game.

When Rahul walked in after the fall of Jadeja's wicket on Sunday, the hosts were very well placed at 239/4. They needed 62 off 60 but it very quickly went downhill thanks to a couple of quiet overs apart from a wicket. But Rahul's experience meant he was always in control of the situation even if Harshit Rana was playing a bit of poker at the other end.

Once Rana's fun was cut short, Rahul assumed centre-stage as he took down Kristian Clarke for 4, 4, 6 off consecutive deliveries to take India home with six balls to spare. He's well adept at rotating strike as well as find the boundaries in the death overs. He also ensures that when he remains not out, India often win the game.

Out of the 19 times India have won since the beginning of 2023 with Rahul as a middle-order batter, he has remained unbeaten 10 from 13 innings for an average of 177 and a strike rate of 85. The four times India have lost in this time period while chasing with Rahul as a middle-order batter, he averages 19. The World Cup is still a 19 months away so the planning will still be at a preliminary stage and there could still be a vacancy at the top depending on what the BCCI does with Sharma. But the leadership group and top management will be advised to keep Rahul in the middle-order.

RUNS MADE BY A MIDDLE-ORDER BATTER (NOS. 4 TO 7) IN ODIS FROM BEGINNING OF 2023

Players	Innings	Runs
Charith Asalanka	54	1907
Mohammad Rizwan	46	1853
Shai Hope	43	1783
Daryl Mitchell	38	1752
KL Rahul	38	1487

KL Rahul arrives at a hotel ahead of the second ODI in Rajkot, on Monday | PTI

Badoni called up for Washington

New Delhi: Uncapped Ayush Badoni on Monday replaced Washington Sundar in India's squad for the remaining two ODIs against New Zealand after the all-rounder was ruled out due to a rib injury. Washington suffered the injury in the series-opener in Vadodara on Sunday. Washington, named in the T20 World Cup team, will be monitored to see if he can recover in time for the event. Otherwise, it's an additional head ache for the team who already face an issue with respect to Tilak Varma.

ICC-BCB stand-off continues

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has seemingly sent a letter to the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) saying that there is no serious security threat in India during the T20 World Cup in February and March. The ICC's security assessment team told them that there is, however, low to moderate in some venues. However, Bangladesh sports adviser Asif Nazrul told reporters in Bangladesh that the security assessment team of the ICC sent a letter. "In that letter, it has been said that three things will increase the security threat to the Bangladesh team," he was quoted by Bangladesh media. "One is if Mustafizur (Rahman) is included in the Bangladesh team. Two, if the supporters of the Bangladesh team walk around wearing the national jersey of Bangladesh and our national jersey. And the third is that the closer the election comes, the more the security threat for the Bangladesh team will increase." He said this indicates that the team has to travel without their best bowler and and supporters cannot wear the Bangladesh jersey and postpone the elections. The ICC has not given any official statement but is believed to have indicated that they made no such assessment.

Grace-ful innings: Opener powers RCB to 9-wicket win

AGENCIES @ Navi Mumbai

GRACE Harris' violent 40-ball 85 helped Royal Challengers Bengaluru to a breezy nine-wicket win over UP Warriorz in a Women's Premier League encounter on Monday. Chasing a modest 144, the UP Warriorz needed early wickets to stay in the contest. But Harris, in the company of the solid Smriti Mandhana, was in no mood to show any sympathy as blazed her way to a thrill a minute 85, a knock which featured 70 runs in boundaries (10 fours and five sixes). Before Harris, an all-round bowling performance helped Bengaluru to restrict a power-packed Warriorz batting unit. Up front, Lauren Bell gave away just 16 runs in her four overs. She was backed by both Arundhati Reddy (0/18) and Nadine de Klerk's 2/28 in four overs.

Brief scores: UP Warriorz 143/5 in 20 ovs (Deepti 45 n.o, Dottin 40 n.o, Shreyanka 2/50, De Klerk 2/28) **lost to** RCB 145/1 in 12.1 ovs (Harris 85, Mandhana 47 n.o).

RCB's Grace Harris hit 85 off 40 balls against UP Warriorz in Navi Mumbai | PTI

Padikkal stars once again for Karnataka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DEVDUTT Padikkal continued his golden run with the bat as his unbeaten 81 helped the hosts to a comfortable win over Mumbai in one of the two quarterfinals of the ongoing Vijay Hazare Trophy at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence facility in the city on Monday. Chasing 255, the southpaw, who began this game on the back of a sequence of 147, 124, 22, 113, 108, 91 and 35, added another effort to further brighten his case of selection for the country's white-ball sides going forward.

On a day filled with some rain the air, the visitors may have thought they had a sniff after posting 254, thanks mainly to Shams Mulani's 91-ball 86. But Karnataka, despite losing captain Mayank Agarwal early, doubled down thanks to Padikkal and Karun Nair. The duo didn't put a foot wrong and their unbroken second wicket stand was poised to take them home when bad light and some rain disrupted proceedings. No further play was possible and the hosts, on 187/1 after 33 overs, were declared winners by 55 runs on the VJD method.

Devdutt Padikkal | PTI

The holders have a clean bill of health and will fancy their chances of retaining the title. What has worked for them has been Padikkal's incredible consistency at the top. When the men's selection committee named the squad for the New Zealand series, the left-hander's name was absent even though he has been in scorching form.

While the form he has shown in the ongoing event is nothing surprising — his career List A average is a barely believable 84.6 after 40 innings — what he has added to his bow is that hunger for runs. Never being satisfied is a good trait to have and if he continues this form going forward, expect him to knocking on the India door before too long.

In the other last eight clash on Monday in the adjacent ground, Saurashtra prevailed over Uttar Pradesh by 17 runs via the VJD method. The match was poised with Saurashtra requiring 73 runs off 59 balls with seven wickets when the elements intervened. But Saurashtra were just about ahead of the rate and when it became clear that no more play would be possible, they won. They had opener Harvik Deai to thank as his unbeaten 100 off 116 balls formed the rock in their chase of 311. While he was the anchor, Prerak Mankad's all-round show (67 and 2/47) also helped them. **Brief scores:** Mumbai 254/8 in 50 ovs (Siddhesh 38, Mulani 86, Sairaj 33 n.o; Kaverappa 2/43, Shetty 2/59, Vidyadhar 3/42) **lost to** Karnataka 187/1 in 33 ovs (Padikkal 81 n.o, Karun 74 n.o) Win by VDJ method

Focus on SOMs in new sports rules notification

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

IN another significant move to improve sports governance, the sports ministry notified the rules of the National Sports Governance Act, 2025, especially for the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOMs). The rules also specified that persons convicted in any Indian court will not be eligible to contest elections.

The National Sports Bodies that include Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Indian Paralympic Committee (IPC), the national sports federations and the regional sports federations shall have at least four SOMs in the general body. The rules notified on January 12 also lay down a 10 tier system for categorizing and selecting SOMs in various national bodies.

According to the new rule, only sportspersons who have accomplishment in the Olympics shall be considered for a post in the IOA. "In case of applicants seeking inclusion to the sportspersons of outstanding merit roster of the National Olympic Committee, such applicant shall have achieved the milestone in the relevant Tier in an Olympic discipline only, while representing India." The relevant criteria are under Tier 1 to 3 which speak of Olympics and Paralympics. Tier 1 is for those who won medals at the Olympics, while Tier two is participation in at least two Olympics and the third is for those who played in one Olympics. According to Tier 1: "Applicants who have won at least one of any gold, silver or bronze medal in the Summer Olympic Games or Winter Olympic Games, provided that any medal if rescinded, shall not be considered for the qualification of having achieved outstanding merit, under this Tier." What seems interesting is that there is provision of an SOM disqualification if a medal is 'rescinded', which usually happens in the case of doping.

Though merits sense, the rule may keep many sportspersons out of IOA because there are a restricted number of sports in which India have representation at the Olympics. And there are examples when sportspersons have been selected not through qualification but through universality quota. The restrictive clause the sports ministry has been promoting might be back in IOA and IPC elections.

Make in India committee

CHENNAI: in order to promote Make in India initiative, the sports ministry has written to the National Sports Federations (NSFs) to form a committee to look into various options in areas like indigenous equipment, infrastructure and sports services. **Full story online**

Election notification

The Gazette notification lays down election rules as well. The election will be conducted over a period of 21 days from the call for elections, invitation for nominations and release of final electoral roll. The election must be conducted "at least 30 days prior to the expiry of such Executive Committee's term". With a 30-day notification period, it would mean the process should ideally begin two months before the end of the term. All elections will be conducted by an electoral official provided by the National Sports Election Panel. The fees have been fixed at maximum amount of ₹5 lakh for conduction of election and mutually agreed fees for an assistant. The election panel would have at least 20 members in it.

Ministry wants NSF to form International Relations panel

In another interesting and one of its kind development, the sports ministry has asked all the NSFs to constitute a International Relations committee as "Sports can serve as a powerful tool for international diplomacy and cooperation."

For full story by Indraneel Das, visit: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

HIL: First win of the season for SG Pipers

RANCHI: SG Pipers secured their first win of the season, prevailing 2-1 against Hyderabad Toofans in the Men's Hockey India League (HIL) here on Monday. Tomas Domene bagged a brace for the winning team, while goalkeeper Tomas Santiago was a real force between the sticks. For the Hyderabad Toofans, Amandeep Lakra got on the scoresheet at the Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Astro Turf Hockey Stadium.

UP Dominators to face Punjab Royals in opener

NEW DELHI: The Pro Wrestling League (PWL) officially announced the schedule for its fifth season, with the league set to run from January 15 to February 1 at the Noida Indoor Stadium. The season-opener on January 15 will see Punjab Royals take on UP Dominators. Marking its return after a comprehensive restructuring, PWL will feature six franchises competing in a high-intensity league and knockout format.

Bhambri-Goransson ease into quarterfinals

AUCKLAND: Top seeds Yuki Bhambri and Andre Goransson made a confident start to their campaign at the ASB Classic, cruising into the men's doubles quarterfinals with a straight-sets victory. Bhambri and Goransson beat wild card pairing Ajeet Rai and Jean-Julien Rojer 6-3, 6-2 in a first-round match, displaying sharp coordination and control throughout the tie. The duo saved three of the four breakpoints they faced.

Barcelona edge Real in thriller

DAY IN DIGITS

This was Barcelona's record-extending **16th** Spanish Super Cup crown.

This was Barca's **10th** consecutive victory across all competitions.

Barcelona players rejoice after beating Real Madrid in Jeddah 3-2 to win the Super Cup on Sunday. A day later, Real coach Xabi Alonso left the club by mutual consent | AFP

BADMINTON

India Open 2026: Big service for shuttlers with World C'ships in mind

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

THE beauty of sports is that a new season can bring a turn in fortunes as the players enter with a renewed sense of optimism. Past shortcomings can be put aside as athletes have a chance to author a fresh script. The badminton season, which commenced with the Asian leg in Kuala Lumpur last week, is now set for a pitstop in New Delhi, with the India Open scheduled to kick off from Tuesday.

The six-day tournament — a BWF Super 750 event — is an ideal platform for Indians to regain some magic that has eluded them in recent times. PV Sindhu, who exhibited some promise in Malaysia, is someone who's looking to break the theme and get back to challenging for titles.

"I'm really happy to be playing at the home ground, what else you will be needing at the home ground, the fans are very supportive all the time, the federation as well. I think we will put our efforts and give our 100% and hope we get some good results here," the women's singles specialist said during the pre-tournament press conference.

The double Olympic medallist has had a few good results here and there but it has been too few as far as India is concerned. Having reached the quarterfinals last week, she'll be hoping to make the advantage count and go deeper this time, something that could give her the belief to counter elite rivals in the days to come.

Lakshya Sen's (men's singles) tale is somewhat similar. Just like Sindhu, the World No 13 has been hot and cold. Lakshya, who's the winner of 2022 edition (it was Super 500 level then), will be hoping to find that balance in play and marry consistency, going forward. These two are clearly India's best bets in the singles department. Apart from the experienced duo, one talent to keep a close eye on is Ayush Shetty, who has shown the ability to hang with the best in the business. Just last week, he had stretched World No 1 Shi Yu Qi in the second round before eventually going down in 70 minutes.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, meanwhile, have had their share of doubts in recent months. The Indian duo has hit a roadblock when it comes to dealing with matches at the business end of tournaments. Given that they set tall standards for themselves, they'll be determined to get back to winning days.

"We've won a lot of tournaments but winning the India Open back in 2022 gave us a huge boost to perform for the year and I think, likewise, this time around too, we would want to go as deep into the tournament as possible," Chirag said.

This year's event holds more weight as all the elite-level shuttlers will be returning to the same venue for the coveted World Championships later this year. So it's equally vital for the sport's standard-setters like An Se Young (women's singles) and men's doubles pairing of Kim Won Ho and Sep Seung Jae, who are entering the new season on the back of record-breaking 2025. Their relentless pursuit for excellence has seen them conquer titles across pincodes. And that hunger was visible one again last week as both An and the men's doubles pair walked away with titles.

Wang Zhi Yi, who had as many as nine second-place finishes since the start of 2025, will be hoping to end the An puzzle and flip the script heading into other key events, including the aforementioned Worlds, in the coming months.

Wang will open her campaign against World Junior medallist Tanvi Sharma, a last-minute inclusion in the women's singles draw. For Tanvi and the rest of the young faces across categories, every rally counts, every point will matter as they get the opportunity to learn and evolve. Similarly, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) representatives will be closely monitoring every little activity during the course of the tournament and the Badminton Association of India will be hopeful that they can execute a perfect dress rehearsal ahead of the World Championships.

(from left) Chirag Shetty, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, PV Sindhu, HS Prannoy and Ayush Shetty during the pre-tournament press conference on Monday | EXPRESS

OPENING DAY MATCHES (INDIANS)

MS: Lakshya Sen vs Ayush Shetty; **MD:** Hariharan Amsakarunan/MR Arjun vs Ong Yew Sin/Teo Ee Yi (MYS). **WD:** Treesa Jolly/Gayatri Gopichand vs Omnicha Jongsathapornparn/Sukitta Suwachai (THA). **XD:** Dhruv Rawat/Maneesha K vs Hiroki Midorikawa/Nami Matsuyama.

Approximately 62% of all money Indian households spend on healthcare goes directly toward buying medicines. For chronic illnesses, adherence to prescribed protocols is the most critical factor in safeguarding patients' quality of life and treatment outcomes

THE TESTS WERE CONDUCTED IN NABL-ACCREDITED LABORATORIES

PARAMETERS TESTED

Weight variation test
To ensure uniformity of dosage units within a batch

Identification
To confirm authenticity of the active pharmaceutical ingredient

Assay testing
Does the tablet contain what the label claims?

Dissolution testing
Does the medicine release properly in your body?

Impurity profiling
Are there harmful contaminants?

ANNUAL SAVINGS WITH CHEAPEST GENERICS

Liver medicine
₹16,000

Antibiotic
₹10,000

Overall (diabetes, heart disease, infections, pain, stomach issues)
₹66,000

EVERY SINGLE MEDICINE PASSED ALL QUALITY TESTS

MEDICINES TESTED	PRICE DIFFERENCE (BRANDED VS. GENERICS FROM JAN AUSHADHI)
Pain/fever (acetaminophen)	2.3 times
Antibiotic (amoxicillin)	2.4 times
Cholesterol (atorvastatin)	6.4 times
Calcium + vitamin D	13.7 times
Heart (clopidogrel)	4.1 times
Gout (febuxostat)	8.9 times
Allergy/asthma (montelukast)	9.5 times
Acidity (pantoprazole)	13.9 times
Liver health (UDCA)	3.8 times

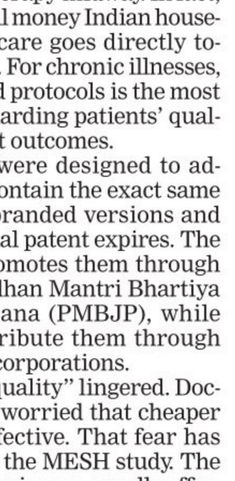
AT HALF THE COST, GENERICS WORK AS GOOD AS BRANDED

> Government reports on banned drugs are opaque and often misunderstood, creating the impression that generics are of poor quality. The study aimed to clear this confusion with evidence
>
> —DR CYRIAC ABBY PHILIPS

DRUGS TESTED

The following essential medicines across critical therapeutic categories were put to test. For each medicine, branded versions, branded generics, and Jan Aushadhi/trade generics – what patients actually buy from pharmacies – were tested

- **Antibiotics**
  Azithromycin, Amoxicillin, Rifaximin, Telmisartan, Amlodipine, Clopidogrel, Atorvastatin, Aspirin
- **Pain & Inflammation**
  Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Prednisolone
- **Thyroid & Supplements**
  Thyroxine, Folic Acid, Calcium+Vitamin D
- **Allergy & Respiratory**
  Montelukast, Cetirizine
- **Diabetes & Gout:**
  Metformin, Febuxostat



HOW MUCH YOU CAN SAVE

MEDICINE	TREATMENT DURATION	CHEAPEST OPTION	COST	COSTLIEST OPTION	COST	SAVINGS
Rifaximin 400mg	1 month (3x/day, 90 tablets)	DAVA* ₹16.00/tab	₹1,440	Rifagut-400 ₹43.80/tab	₹3,942	₹2,502 (63.5%)
Atorvastatin 10mg	3 months (1x/day, 90 tablets)	Jan Aushadhi ₹0.88/tab	₹79	Atorlip-10 ₹5.67/tab	₹510	₹431 (84.5%)
Montelukast 10mg	3 months (1x/day, 90 tablets)	Jan Aushadhi ₹1.98/tab	₹178	Montek-10 ₹18.72/tab	₹1,685	₹1,507 (89.4%)
Calcium+Vit D 500mg	6 months (1x/day, 180 tablets)	Jan Aushadhi ₹0.77/tab	₹139	ShelCal-500 ₹10.57/tab	₹1,903	₹1,764 (92.7%)

*Rifaximin was not available at Jan Aushadhi stores

SOURCES: **Government:** Jan Aushadhi, Kerala Medical Services Corporation (KMSCL)
Private/Commercial: Branded drugs, branded generics, private chains (DAVA India, Generic Aadhar), local distributors

UNNIKRISHNAN S @ T'Puram

JITHIN (name changed) was an autorickshaw driver in Kerala, ferrying schoolchildren through the crowded lanes every morning and evening. His modest earnings barely covered food and his children's education. Then came cirrhosis, complicated, unforgiving, and an infection that tipped him into hepatic encephalopathy, his brain clouded by rising ammonia levels.

He was referred to Dr. Cyriac Abby Philips, clinician-scientist and one of the country's leading science communicators, based in Ernakulam. The treatment plan was clear: ammonia-reducing therapies, with rifaximin at the centre. "I prescribed it for six weeks," recalls Dr Philips. But just four weeks later, Jithin returned not for routine follow-up, but in a coma, the worst stage of brain failure. He spent two days in the ICU and nearly a week in the hospital. His wife, desperate, borrowed ₹80,000 from neighbours and friends to pay the bills.

At first, Dr Philips thought Jithin had ignored medical advice. But the truth was far more devastating. Jithin had taken rifaximin for 15 days. Then the money ran out. At ₹42 a tablet, two a day, the drug cost him ₹2,520 a month—an impossible sum for a man living hand to mouth. He chose food and education for his children over medicine for himself.

The deeper tragedy was his fear of generics. Jithin was too afraid to buy a cheaper version—afraid it wouldn't work, afraid he would be scolded, afraid of the stigma. Dr Philips, too, was hesitant, unsure of their quality and wary of backlash if things went wrong. That fear, shared by doctors and patients alike, is what keeps affordable healthcare out of reach. It is not evidence, but opinion, hearsay, and habit that fuels this mistrust. And it is ordinary people—like Jithin—who pay the price.

Determined to uncover the truth behind this concern, Dr Philips turned to Mission for Ethics and Science in Health (MESH), a non-profit organisation where he serves as president. Together, they launched what became the largest crowd-funded research on generics globally. In just a week, more than 1,000 people contributed, without conflict of interest, to support the cause.

The study helped resolve a major dilemma for clinicians: how to ensure patients continue treatment without interruption due to cost. Medical expenses, especially on medicines, remain a crushing burden, with patients often forced to discontinue therapy midway. In fact, approximately 62% of all money Indian households spend on healthcare goes directly toward buying medicines. For chronic illnesses, adherence to prescribed protocols is the most critical factor in safeguarding patients' quality of life and treatment outcomes.

Generic medicines were designed to address this issue. They contain the exact same active ingredients as branded versions and are sold after the original patent expires. The Indian government promotes them through initiatives like the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), while states like Kerala distribute them through their medical services corporations.

Yet the question of "quality" lingered. Doctors and patients alike worried that cheaper drugs might be less effective. That fear has now been addressed by the MESH study. The research found that generics are equally effective, despite costing 5 to 14 times less. On average, generic medicines were nearly 50% cheaper than branded ones.

Study Highlights

- **131 medicine samples across 22 treatment categories**
- Covered conditions: diabetes, heart disease, infections, pain, stomach issues
- **Same-batch products tested**
- Tested at Eureka Analytical Services, an accredited laboratory, for rigorous testing against the Indian Pharmacopoeia 2022 (IP-2022) standards
- Conducted during Oct–Dec 2025 (not yet peer reviewed)

The larger lesson

Jithin's story is not an isolated one. It reflects the everyday struggles of millions of patients who face impossible choices between medicine and survival. The evidence now shows that generics can bridge this gap, providing effective treatment at a fraction of the cost.

For clinicians, the challenge is to overcome ingrained mistrust and embrace evidence-based prescribing. For patients, it is about reclaiming access to affordable healthcare without fear.

'Quality is not linked to price'

Dr Cyriac Abby Philips, clinician-scientist and president of the Mission for Ethics and Science in Health (MESH) explains the motivation behind the study, its surprising findings, and what this mean for patients and doctors alike.

■ Why is there so much debate on branded vs generic medicines?
Medicines are a major financial burden in India, and many families doubt whether cheaper generics are as effective as costly branded drugs.

■ Why did you decide to conduct a quality study on drugs?
Government reports on banned drugs are opaque and often misunderstood, creating the impression that generics are of poor quality. The study aimed to clear this confusion with evidence.

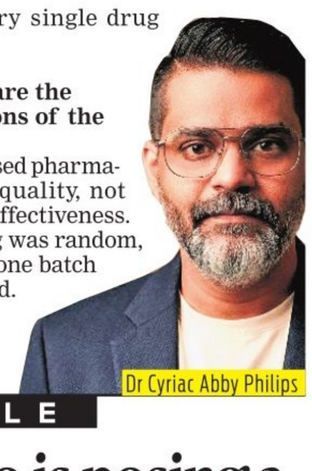
■ What is the most important highlight of the study?
Quality is not linked to price. A ₹1 tablet performed just as well as one costing ₹10, disproving the myth that cheaper means worse.

■ What were your criteria for choosing drugs, and why focus on chronic diseases?
We tested commonly prescribed medicines for chronic diseases because they have a wide therapeutic range. This means checking pharmaceutical equivalence is sufficient. For narrow-range drugs like immunosuppressants, bioequivalence testing is also needed. But that's a far more expensive process.

■ What were the challenges in conducting such a study?
We tested 131 samples across 22 therapeutic categories, each requiring 40 drugs. Getting the same batch for all types was tough. To reflect real-world purchases, researchers acted as "mystery shoppers" and bought medicines from seven sources.

■ Were you surprised by the results?
Yes. Every single drug passed.

■ What are the limitations of the study?
We assessed pharmaceutical quality, not clinical effectiveness. Sampling was random, but only one batch was tested.



Dr Cyriac Abby Philips

STUDY

INDIA FACES 2nd HIGHEST ECONOMIC BURDEN DUE TO DIABETES

INDIA faces the second highest economic burden of $11.4 trillion due to diabetes – the US bears the highest costs at $16.5 trillion, and China the third at $11 trillion, a new study has estimated.

Researchers, including those from the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and the Vienna University of Economics and Business in Austria, calculated the economic impact of diabetes across 204 countries from 2020 to 2050.

Global costs amount to around $10 trillion, excluding informal care provided by family members – about 0.2% of the world's annual gross domestic product (GDP), findings published in the journal Nature Medicine show.

Factoring in informal care amounts to up to $152 trillion, or 1.7% of the world's yearly GDP, the study estimates.

"Caregivers often drop out of the labour market, at least partially, which creates additional economic costs," author Klaus Prettner, professor of macroeconomics and digitalisation at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, said.

XPLAINER

The high share of informal caregiving, making up almost 90% of the total economic burden, is explained by the fact that prevalence exceeds mortality by a factor of 30-50, the researchers said.

"The US faces the largest economic burden of diabetes mellitus at $2.5 trillion, followed by India at $1.6 trillion and China at $1 trillion. When considering informal care loss, the largest economic burdens are $16.5 trillion in the US, $11.4 trillion in India and $11.0 trillion in China," the authors wrote.

For India and China, the high economic costs of diabetes were mainly attributed to a large affected population, while those in the US were primarily due to high treatment costs and physical capital diversion, the researchers said.

They added that a prime distinction between high – and low – income countries is the distribution of the burden across the treatment cost and lost labour channels – the former makes up 41% of the economic burden for high-income countries as opposed to 14% for low-income countries.

"This is a stark illustration of how medical treatment regimes for chronic diseases such as diabetes are accessible to high income countries only," co-author Michael Kuhn, acting economic frontiers research group leader at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, said.

The economic impact of diabetes is enormous, compared to that due to Alzheimer's disease or cancer, the researchers said.

Promoting healthier lifestyles – regular physical activity and a balanced diet – is the most effective way to prevent diabetes and reduce its economic impact, they said.

Early detection through comprehensive diabetes screening programmes for the entire population, along with rapid diagnosis and timely treatment, are essential steps toward mitigating both health and economic consequences, the team said.

Over a quarter of the world's diabetics are estimated to be living in India, according to a study published in The Lancet journal in November 2024. PTI

NEWS CAPSULE

Glamorisation of tobacco is posing a threat to adolescent health: Experts

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

GROWING glamorisation of tobacco through surrogate advertising and its everyday normalisation by selling it alongside toffees and candies pose a serious threat to the health of children and adolescents, caution experts. They said that if this trend is not checked urgently, it could lead to a new epidemic of cancer and lung diseases in the coming years.

Dr Shalini Singh, director, ICMR-National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research, highlighted that children are exposed to tobacco through everyday influences, starting at retail points and extending to surrogate promotion.

"When tobacco products are displayed openly at points of sale and placed alongside items meant for children, it sends a misleading signal that these products are harmless," she said, adding that branding cues and indirect promotions further reinforce this exposure.

Dr Singh was speaking at a webinar "The Silent Push: Tobacco and Young India" on the occasion of National Youth Day organised by Tobacco Free India, a citizen initiative.

She underlined the need to strictly limit point-of-sale visibility, cautioning that retail displays should not become a de facto advertising tool.

Dr Naveen Thacker, executive director of the International Paediatric Association, warned that the problem begins far earlier than commonly assumed, and quoted a survey he had conducted which showed that one in six children around the age of 10 had already experimented with tobacco.

Dr MC Misra, former director of AIIMS, New Delhi, cautioned that the consequences of inaction could be severe and long-lasting. "If we do not intervene today and reduce children's exposure to tobacco, we are clearly heading towards the next epidemic of cancers and lung diseases."

Prof JS Rajput, Padma Shri awardee and former director of NCERT, said celebrity-linked surrogate promotions add another troubling layer to the problem and called for collective responsibility.

"Education does not happen only in classrooms. Children learn from what they see in society," he said. "When film stars or sports personalities are indirectly associated with tobacco brands, it sends a powerful and misleading message. Society and the government must take responsibility."

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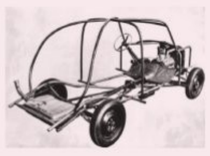
Soyabean Car

On January 13, 1942, Henry Ford was granted a patent for a method of constructing plastic auto bodies, reducing the reliance on metal

DESIGN AND TRIAL

The frame of Ford's cars, made of tubular steel, had 14 plastic panels attached to it, making the plastic auto body 1,000 lbs. lighter than a steel car



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The ingredients of the plastic panels are unknown but there are claims of it containing soybeans and hemp giving it the name 'Soyabean Car'

STALLED AND FORGOTTEN

The model, however, didn't go into production due to World War II, leading the experimental project to be abandoned and eventually forgotten

CE's curated list of events in city

PG 2

With Blr Hubba kicking off on Jan 16, the city is set to come alive with street events, immersive experiences, concerts, exhibits and more

Capturing a city & its culture

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

FOUNDED with the intention to be Bengaluru's version of the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, serving up a variety of experiences across the arts for locals and visitors alike, BLR Hubba, organised by the Unboxing BLR Foundation, is back for a third edition, bigger than ever before, with over 350 events across 30 venues. "What's different this year is we have expanded the extent of activities. From seven sub-festivals, we've gone to 12, with the new ones being nataka hubba for theatre, nartisu hubba for dance, anubhava hubba for experiential events, makkala hubba for children, and churumuri hubba, which is a mixed bag of offbeat programming that's edgy and experimental," explains V Ravichandar, the chief facilitator of Blr Hubba.

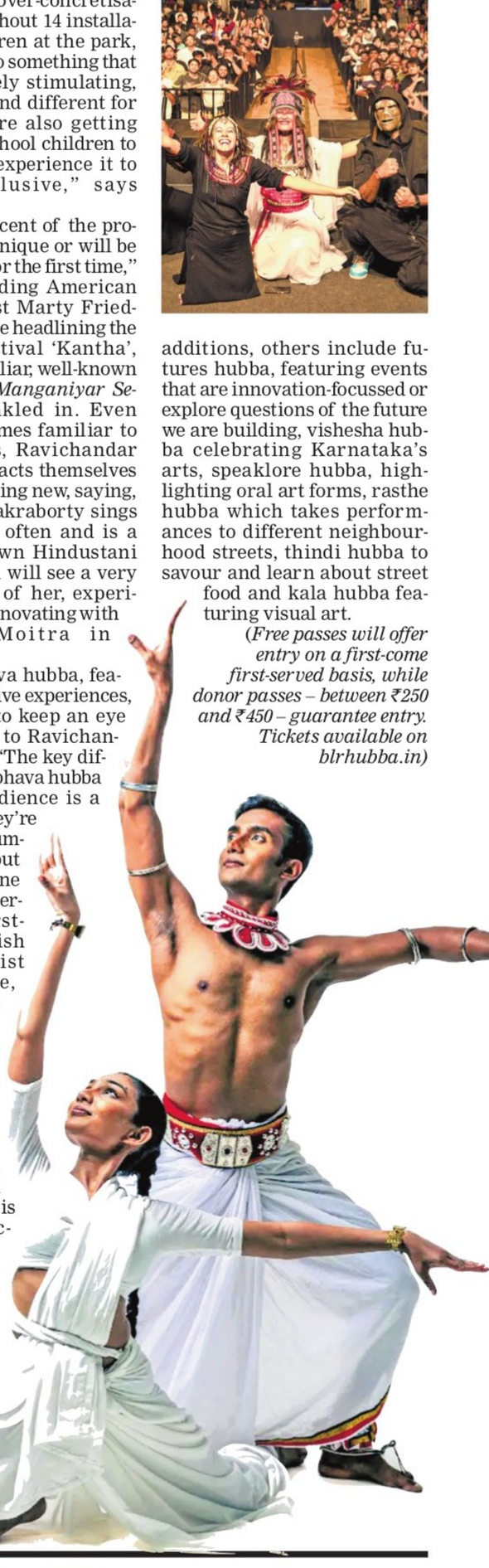
This time, Freedom Park has emerged as a new venue for the children's festival, the newly-introduced makkala hubba featuring activities that get kids to play, craft and explore. "Our public places have changed for children with over-concretisation, so throughout 14 installations for children at the park, we wanted to do something that would be hugely stimulating, entertaining and different for children. We're also getting government school children to come by and experience it to make it inclusive," says Ravichandar.

"Eighty per cent of the programming is unique or will be in Bengaluru for the first time," he says, including American metal guitarist Marty Friedman who will be headlining the music sub-festival 'Kantha', with a few familiar, well-known acts like The *Manganiyar Seduction* sprinkled in. Even among the names familiar to Bengalureans, Ravichandar notes that the acts themselves may be something new, saying, "Kaushiki Chakraborty sings in Bengaluru often and is a very well-known Hindustani singer but you will see a very different side of her, experimenting and innovating with Shantanu Moitra in 'Pankh'."

The anubhava hubba, featuring immersive experiences, is something to keep an eye on, according to Ravichandar, who says, "The key difference of anubhava hubba is that the audience is a participant, they're not just a consumer of what is put up on stage. One thing I find interesting is 'First-Hand' by Nitish Jain, an artist from Prague, who is a specialist in immersive experiences. You leave your phone behind and the 90-minute experience will heighten all five senses. It is deeply reflective," he says.

Apart from the five new sub-festival additions, others include futures hubba, featuring events that are innovation-focussed or explore questions of the future we are building, vishesha hubba celebrating Karnataka's arts, speaklore hubba, highlighting oral art forms, rasthe hubba which takes performances to different neighbourhood streets, thindi hubba to savour and learn about street food and kala hubba featuring visual art.

(Free passes will offer entry on a first-come first-served basis, while donor passes – between ₹250 and ₹450 – guarantee entry. Tickets available on blrhubba.in)



Decades later, actor Nitish Bharadwaj who continues to reprise his iconic role as Lord Krishna through the play *Chakravyuh*, brings back fresh memories of the 1988 Doordarshan series *Mahabharat* and reveals how his mother once struggled to separate his image from the essence of the deity

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

ON Sunday mornings, there was a quiet urgency in Indian homes. Children were nudged awake earlier than usual, elders adjusted the antenna and families gravitated towards the television set placed in the living room. People would jump forward to sit closer, as if proximity might deepen the experience. The moment the familiar strains of the *Mahabharat* (1988-90) title music filled the air, conversations stopped.

When Dr **Nitish Bharadwaj**, who was previously a veterinarian surgeon, appeared on screen as the crowned and radiant Krishna, there was a stillness in the presence. His calm eyes and unhurried gaze seemed to carry both compassion and detachment. With the same grace, the actor recently performed at the Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, bringing to stage his play *Chakravyuh*, which traces the Abhimanyu episode from the epic *Mahabharat*. The event, held on Sunday, was part of a multi-city outreach programme supporting the construction of the Shri Salasar Balaji temple at Ranka Colony.

Fast forward to now – a former member of the Lok Sabha, the actor who was also in the 2025 web series *Kesariya@100* – viewers still speak of his character with reverence, as if he were a presence that once entered their homes and never quite left. For Bharadwaj, however, the role was never about bearing a divine burden. "I'm a Saraswat Brahmin who follows the Adi Shankara Parampara. We were brought up in the Nishkama Karma Yoga philosophy. We are taught to do our karma to the best of our ability and not worry about anything else," he says. That grounding ensured he was never anxious about audience reaction or success.

Ironically, Krishna's first appearance in *Mahabharat* was met with criticism. The actor recalls that after the initial episode aired, reactions were unexpectedly harsh. BR Chopra, the TV serial creator, called him in, unsettled by the feedback. "He said there were negative reactions. He asked, 'What do you have to say?', I said, 'You are the director. People have only seen one episode, which is the entry of Krishna at Sandipani Ashram. You have shot seven or eight more episodes with me and you have okayed all my shots. I trust your judgment as an experienced director," he reminisces. His faith in the process was absolute. "The Krishna I understood through my reading of the *Mahabharat* and the *Bhagavad Gita* is what I brought to the screen. I told Chopra ji that I have given my best and the rest is in Krishna's hands," the 62-year-old actor shares and remembers Chopra replying, 'This is exactly what I wanted to hear.'

He also articulated a thought that would eventually shape how audiences came to understand the portrayal. "Krishna is loved so much by people that they expect everything to be seen in one episode. To use a metaphor from the *Bhagavad Gita*, Krishna is likened to a lotus flower. The layers open one after the other. Similarly, Krishna reveals layers of his personality, intelligence and wisdom," the actor, who was also part of the iconic mythological TV series *Vishnupuran*, explains.

The most intimate response to his portrayal of Krishna came from within his own home. His mother, a deeply spiritual woman, once approached him with a confession that startled him: 'Whenever I'm praying to Krishna, it is your face that comes to my mind'. His response reflected the very philosophy she had instilled in him. "I told her, 'You taught me the journey from sagun sakar to nirgun nirakar. Now, you have to execute that journey in your life. You have to go beyond my face and look at the Krishna tattva, the essence of his character,'" he laughs as he recalls the incident.

There was also an uncanny moment that seemed to affirm the role. He shares meeting veteran actor Shahu Modak, who asked for his horoscope and revealed a note written in advance that read, 'Vrishabha rashi, Rohini nakshatra' – the constellation believed to mark Lord Krishna's birth and shared by Bharadwaj, Modak and Tollywood stalwart NT Rama Rao, all of whom who had played Krishna on the screens.

A snap from Bharadwaj's recent performance in the city

CITY READ

Saree walkathon by women aids dialysis patients

Over 200 women took part in a saree walkathon held at Kohinoor Ground near Ramakrishna Ashrama Circle on Sunday to support underprivileged dialysis patients. Organised by the GARUDA Foundation, in association with Madhura Women's Club and Sudaya Foundation, the event saw women participants from all sections of society, including pourakarmikas, come together for the cause. Sarees were also distributed to civic workers. Organisers stated that 100 per cent of the proceeds would go towards dialysis treatment. The walkathon drew support from public representatives and cultural figures like Chickpet MLA Uday Garudachar, Basavanagudi MLA Ravi L Subramanya and actors Veena Rao and Bhuvana Murali.

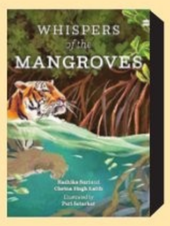
Restaurant to offer special festive thali

A seasonal Pongal thali will be served at Madras Kitchen, Marriott Executive Apartments – Bengaluru UB City, Vittal Mallya Road, from January 13 to 17, between 12pm and 11pm. The limited-period menu celebrates the harvest festival with a traditional South Indian spread featuring ven pongal, sakkarai pongal, sambar, rasam, kootu and seasonal vegetable preparations, accompanied by house-made chutneys, pickles and papad. The meal concludes with a traditional sweet, along with filter coffee and buttermilk. The experience is priced at ₹999++. For reservations, call 90360 54585.

BOOK NOOK

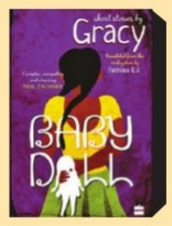
Secret Among the Stars
By Sarita Mandanna

It is part science fiction, part murder mystery – a thrilling ride that is sure to delight young readers. Spanning a period of 2,500 years, each tale is inspired by a real moment from India's rich and layered history.



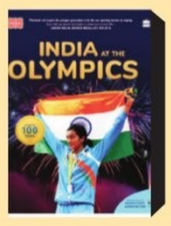
Whispers Of The Mangroves
By Radhika Suri, Chetna Singh Kaith, Pari Satarkar

A poetic and spaectacular journey through the unique and precious mangroves of the world.



Baby Doll: Stories
By Fathima EV, Gracy

Rendered by award-winning translator Fathima EV, *Baby Doll* brings a comprehensive selection of Gracy's work to English readers.



India At The Olympics
By Seetha Natesh

Packed with rare images and colourful illustrations, this book traces the incredible history of the Olympics from the time of the Ancient Greek Olympics to its present, modern-day avatar.

MOTHERLY TOUCH

Artistes perform the story of the legendary mother Panna Dhai and her supreme sacrifice through a folk dance drama, during Dharti Dhora Ri, hosted by Kesariya Restaurant at Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha | **NAGARAJA GADEKAL**

QUICKFIX

ICED BLUEBERRY MATCHA

INGREDIENTS

- **Milk (dairy or plant-based):** ¾ cup
- **Blueberry (fresh or frozen):** ½ cup
- **Sugar or honey:** 1-2 tsp
- **Matcha powder:** 1 tsp
- **Hot water**: ¼ cup
- **Ice cubes:** as needed

METHOD

- In a small pan, cook blueberries with sugar and 2 tbsp water until soft and jam like texture, let it cool.
- Whisk matcha powder with hot water until smooth and frothy.
- Add blueberry compote to a glass, followed by ice cubes.
- Pour in milk, then slowly add the matcha. Stir gently before drinking.

Contributed by **Lakshmi Eshwari,** Hyderabad

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

FREEDOM AT MIDNIGHT (Hindi, series)

Season 2 of this historical thriller chronicles the turbulent times that led to the partition of India and formation of Pakistan.

Cast: Chirag Vohra, Siddhanth Gupta, Arif Zakaria

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

FOREIGN

THE NIGHT MANAGER (English, series)

A former British soldier and the night manager of a luxury hotel, Jonathan Pine is hired by an intelligence officer to infiltrate the inner circle of a secretive arms dealer without blowing his cover.

Cast: Tom Hiddleston, Hugh Laurie, Olivia Colman

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

PEOPLE WE MEET ON VACATION (English)

Poppy's a free spirit. Alex loves a plan. After years of summer vacations, these polar-opposite pals wonder if they could be a perfect romantic match.

Cast: Emily Bader, Tom Blyth, Sarah Catherine Hook

- **Watch on:** Netflix

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FITBIT

YOGA FOR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH: HERE IS A COMPLETE GUIDE

Yoga is a combination of mind and body, and it helps with the holistic care of your body. Yoga has evolved into a globally practiced wellness method that supports both physical function and psychological well-being.

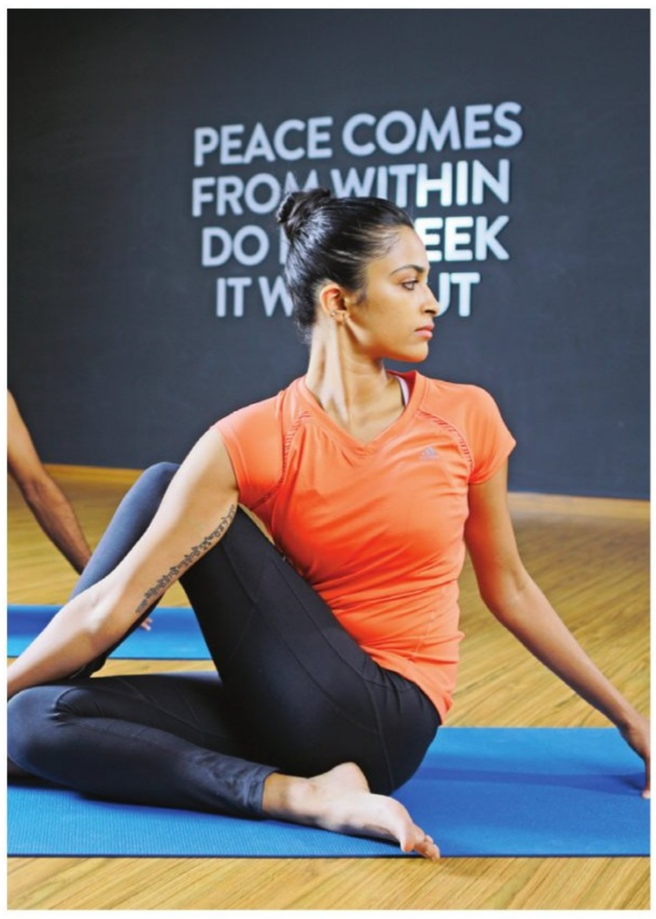
PHYSICAL BENEFITS OF YOGA

- **Improved flexibility and strength:** Regular yoga gently stretches muscles and improves joint mobility, which increases flexibility and prevents stiffness. It also engages muscles throughout the body, gradually building strength and stability.
- **Better posture and balance:** Through body awareness and alignment work, yoga enhances posture and balance, important for long-term musculoskeletal health and injury prevention.
- **Respiratory and circulatory support:** Breath-centered practices help enhance lung capacity and improve circulation, supporting energy and metabolic function.
- **Pain management:** Gentle, mindful movements and stretches can relieve chronic aches such as back and joint pain, reducing discomfort through increased strength and flexibility.

MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL BENEFITS

- **Stress reduction:** Yoga activates the parasympathetic nervous system, the body's rest and digest mode, which helps lower stress hormones like cortisol and induce relaxation.
- **Enhanced mental clarity and focus:** Focused breathing and mindful movement improve concentration and cognitive clarity, helping practitioners stay present and calm.
- **Mood improvement and emotional balance:** The combination of physical activity, breathwork, and meditation supports the release of 'feel-good' neurotransmitters. Over time, this can elevate mood and emotional resilience.
- **Better sleep and relaxation:** Many practitioners experience improved sleep quality due to reduced tension and a calmer nervous system.

Yoga is adaptable to all ages and fitness levels, making it accessible as a daily practice that gently nurtures both body and mind. Regular practise strengthens physical structures while also cultivating mindfulness, self-awareness, and emotional regulation.



By Divya Rolla, yoga expert, cult – a fitness and wellness platform

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Painted Pebbles

Slow down and get creative as you turn simple stones into little works of art in this relaxed, hands-on painting session. Play with colours, patterns, and ideas and leave with a piece you can keep, gift or display at home.

WHEN: January 13, 8pm
WHERE: Fabrizio – Creative Activity Hub, BTM Layout
CALL: 73861 41621

Harvest Feast

Celebrate the harvest season with a soulful South Indian spread that brings together festive favourites like ven pongal, medu vadai, kuzhi paniyaram, regional curries and sweet sakkarai pongal, served in the warm celebratory spirit of Pongal.

WHEN: January 13, 12.30pm onwards
WHERE: The Square – Novotel, Bellandur
DETAILS: district.in

Retro Ragas

Ease into the week with a cosy Kannada jamming session that revisits evergreen classics and high-energy favourites. Sing along, make requests and soak in familiar melodies in an intimate, easygoing setting.

WHEN: January 13, 7pm
WHERE: Silaa – The Garden Cafe, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Bonfire Beats

Ring in Lohri with an evening of Punjabi dhol, folk performances and a generous buffet that brings classic winter flavours to the table. Music, dance and shared feasting come together for a festive night rooted in tradition.

WHEN: January 13, 7.30pm
WHERE: The Urban Turban, Sarjapur Road
DETAILS: district.in

First Punch

Get a beginner-friendly introduction to boxing and MMA with guided drills, basic striking and strength-focused conditioning in a supportive setting. Designed for first-timers, the session helps build confidence, fitness and fundamentals.

WHEN: January 13, 8.30pm
WHERE: NY Knockout Academy, Bilekahalli
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Art of Reflections

Explore the beauty of traditional Lippan art in a relaxed, hands-on workshop that blends folk techniques with personal expression. Work with clay and mirrors to create your own textured piece. No prior experience needed, just curiosity and a love for craft.

WHEN: January 13, 8pm
WHERE: Roastea, Koramangala
CALL: 99040 02700

Sacred Strings

Step into an evening of Indian classical music as dynamic Sarod duet **Mohan Brothers** bring sitar and sarod together in a soulful jugalbandi designed to calm the mind and lift the spirit. Thoughtfully curated as The 45 Strings Experience, the concert offers a meditative journey through melody, tradition and emotional depth.

WHEN: January 13, 7pm
WHERE: Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

EXPRESS CONNECT

HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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IMAGINATIVE FOREST

Artist Magunta Dayakar's acrylic artwork imagines the forest as a vibrant playground of light and shadow

KEEPING UP WITH CLOUD DANCER

Make the best of 2026's Pantone colour of the year, Cloud Dancer, in your interiors

Neeta Jessani
A designer and lover of textures making functional spaces aesthetic

DESIGN STORY

THE past year saw people craving communities, connections and calm. With digital noise taking over, not everyone enjoyed the chaos and maximalism it caused. As every year, Pantone has decided a colour of the year – Cloud Dancer – which impacts the design industry. It's a soft, airy white chosen because the world is exhausted. The trend highlights timeless elegance through white walls that feel expansive, modern, and fluently serene.

Binding spaces together

With open layouts being adapted to, a neutral element to bind the spaces is essential, not just for clean aesthetics but also for the energy the space gives out. Multiple colours on a wide view of the same space can easily turn into visual clutter. Cloud Dancer can be seamlessly used to bring multiple niche spaces together, making it look cohesive and intentional.

Anchor bolder tints

The use of bolder colours often overwhelms, adding character to spaces if it's not done strategically. A neutral white will provide the required balance to anchor the space, restricting visual overthrow of the darker colours used.

Combine other neutrals

White is the base of all neutrals, and along with being the perfect balance for deeper hues, its characteristics also help highlight other neutral finishes in any space. From wood to marble, white helps celebrate luxe details even when they are in different shades of white. Metal accents also take centre stage when paired with neutral whites.

Accentuates textures

A neutral-like-white, most times, complements textures and lets it be celebrated in all its glory rather than competing with it. Using Cloud Dancer on walls and ceilings or cabinetry alongside stone or live edge wood would definitely leave a lasting impact in any space.

Supports bold patterns

When spaces are designed around a neutral shade, an accent is often needed to add character to the space. Whether it is paint, wallpaper, or even printed upholstery, the neutral takes a back seat to make the accent stand out. White is often the chosen neutral to bring out the best in patterns that are bold, to help overcome the otherwise clinical visual.

Brightens dark rooms

Natural light is one of the most underrated aesthetic updates spaces need. In many spaces, this isn't possible if there are structural restrictions or it's a rented space. In these scenarios, using an airy, soft shade for the walls becomes significant. White has and will always remain a dark room's best friend.

Balances a moody palette

Dark emeralds, deep burgundy, and navy blues are some shades that, when paired with white, create contrast instead of being overpowering. However, if spaces are dressed only in dark, moody colours, they become gloomy and lack life, which cloud dancer can perfectly balance. These colour pairs work really well, even for furniture and décor.

Cloud Dancer is not just meant for painting walls. The type of paint chosen makes a lot of difference, too. Matte finishes feel soft, while satin finishes slightly reflect light. It is important to keep in mind the colour, texture and finish while designing spaces. Layering multiple shades of white with natural finished and earthy colours will be something the design industry will see in abundance this year. Let's eliminate creative burnout with calming, curated spaces this year.

A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO SHAPE INDIAN GARDENS

Elevate your home with these flowering hedges that thrive in warm climates

Ekta Chaudhary
Founder of Garden Up, a company dedicated to greenifying spaces

IN India's fast-growing urban landscapes, a beautifully designed hedge is one of the simplest ways to add structure, privacy, and visual appeal to any outdoor space. Unlike walls or metal fencing, hedges soften the space with greenery, guide the eye, reduce dust, and bring colour through seasonal blooms. Whether lining a driveway, outlining a garden bed, or creating a natural boundary between spaces, flowering hedges elevate the aesthetic of both homes and public landscapes.

At Garden Up, we recommend a set of reliable, sun-loving tropical hedge plants that perform consistently in Indian conditions: Ixora, Tecoma, Jasmines, Thorn roses, Euphorbia (Crown of Thorns), and Kaner (Oleander). These plants not only offer dense foliage but also produce vibrant flowers that enrich the overall design. Flowering hedge plants are perennial shrubs that can be planted in a line to form a green wall. They attract pollinators, remain evergreen, and when spaced correctly (about 1-1.5 feet apart), grow into a thick, uniform hedge within a few months. Their purpose is both functional and decorative – blocking unwanted views, guiding pathways, and adding a burst of colour to the landscape.

Sun requirements

All recommended hedge plants thrive in full tropical sun:

- Ixora and Tecoma love 5-7 hours of direct sunlight and bloom best in open spaces.
- Kaner and Euphorbia milii tolerate extreme heat, making them perfect for west-facing gardens.
- Jasmines prefer bright sun but can manage light shade in the afternoon.
- Thorn roses need abundant sun for vigorous flowering and dense foliage.
- These species are ideal for Indian cities where summers are strong and most outdoor spaces receive harsh sunlight.

Soil requirements

- The key to a long-lasting hedge is well-prepared soil.
- General rule: Use well-draining soil enriched with compost.
- Ixora prefers slightly acidic soil; adding cocopeat or leaf mould helps performance.
- Tecoma, Kaner and Jasmines are adaptable and grow even in mildly alkaline or sandy soils.

THE GREEN MANUAL

FLOWER COLOUR OPTIONS

IXORA: Red, orange, yellow, pink, white

TECOMA: Yellow, orange, sometimes pink

JASMINES: White, off-white, light yellow in some types

THORN ROSES: Red, pink, peach, yellow, white

EUPHORBIA MILII: Red, pink, white, yellow, bi-colour

KANER (OLEANDER): Pink, red, white, yellow, peach

- Euphorbia milii, being a succulent shrub, requires the fastest drainage – add sand or gravel to avoid soggy roots.
- Thorn roses grow best in loamy soil with airflow around the roots.
- A mix of red soil, compost and sand works for most Indian landscapes.

Trimming and maintenance

- A hedge looks neat only with regular trimming.
- Trim every 6-8 weeks during the growing season.
- Tecoma and Kaner can be pruned hard to keep them compact.
- Ixora prefers gentle trimming; avoid heavy cuts before flowering cycles.
- Jasmines should be pruned after flowering to promote new shoots.
- Euphorbia milii must be trimmed sparingly and carefully – its milky sap can irritate skin.
- Thorn roses need pruning to control height and remove dead wood.
- Mulching and compost application every few months will maintain lush growth.

Starting from saplings

- All these hedge plants grow easily from small 8-12 inch saplings, at a gap of 10 inches in zig-zag fashion.
- Plant them 1-1.5 feet apart for a full hedge.
- Water daily for the first 2-3 weeks; later shift to deep watering every 2-3 days.
- Roses and jasmine benefit from a small stake initially.
- Kaner and Euphorbia need less water once established.
- With early care, the hedge typically thickens within 4-6 months.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SABARIRAJ,** R/at No. 491a, Veethikadu, Perumanallur, Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu 641 666, hereby state that in my Minor Son's name **KANISK S R**'s in school records the 1) Father name is mentioned as **V SABARIRAJ** instead of **SABARIRAJ** 2) Mother name is mentioned as **ROOPA SOWMYA** instead **ROOPASOWMYA B** and his name is mentioned as **KANISK S R** instead of **S R KANISK,** Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 12-01-2026, before notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Dr. PRAMILA .S.P,** aged about 47 years, D/o. Pedda Bhovi, R/at. No.87, Sri Venkatadrinilaya, Gruhalakshmi Layout, Nelagadranahalli, Nagasandra Post, Bangalore-560073, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAMILA S.P** to **SMT. Dr. MADHURIKS .S.P**, Vide affidavit dated 12.01.2026, sworn to before M Ravikumar, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MONIKA PUGALENTHI KALPANA** R/a No.55/2A, Kottai Kovil Street, Dharmapuri, District Dharmapuri, State: Tamil Nadu-636 701, now camped at Bangalore have changed my name from **MONIKA PUGALENTHI KALPANA** to **MONIKA PUGALENTHI** vide affidavit dt.09/01/2026 before Notary **A.Idinabba,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JYOTHI .P,** W/o Yogesh .P, age 36 years, R/at No. 256, 7th Main, 7th Cross, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 104 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **Y. JASHWANTH GOWDA** to **Y. JAYASURYA**, henceforth he shall be known and called as **Y. JAYASURYA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 09-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. DAYANANDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **A S BHARDWAJ,** S/o Shyam Sundar Bhardwaj, aged about 55 years, R/at Flat No. 305, 'J' Block, Mantri Tranqulin, Off. Kanakapura Cross, Gubbala Gate Cross, Bengaluru-560 061 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SANJAY PUROHIT** to **A S BHARDWAJ,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **A S BHARDWAJ** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **A.R. MUNEER AHMED** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **CHINNAPAPA,** Wife of Late Jayaraman, EX Nayak (8002413 DSC Centre) Aged about 74 years, residing at No. 131/A, 26th Main, Nandhini Layout, Bengaluru - 560 096 .I declare that both the names ie., **CHINNAPAPA & CHINNAPAPPA** belongs to one person ie., myself and in future I will continue my name as **CHINNAPAPA** before advocate and notary by **LAKSHMALAH**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NANDINI K D/o KUMAR H K and MANJULA T C aged about 22 years residing at No.35, Chamundeshwari Nilaya, 2nd main Road, Vidyanagar, T.Dasarahalli, Bangaluru 560057, have changed my name from **NANDINI K** to **NANDINI KUMAR,** vide affidavit dated 12/1/2026 sworn to before Prakasha C Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) C.H.MARIANAKSHATHRAMMA, residing at No. 153, James Road, Kammanahalli, St. Thomas Town Post, Bangalore - 560 084, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) C.H.MARIANAKSHATHRAMMA,** to **(NEWNAME) MARIANAKSHATHRA DEVA** vide affidavit dated 7 june 2026 sworn before Notary A.Gerard, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Narasamma**, previously called Chilapogu Papamma, W/o. Venkatesh, R/at No. 15, 11th Cross, near Reva College, Lakshmaiah Block, Ganganagar, RT Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 032, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Chilapogu Papamma** to **Narasamma** vide affidavit dated 12.01.2026 sworn to before Puttaramaiah, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AMARA RAM,** aged 43 years, S/o. **Panna Ram,** residing of No. 3834, Kaveri Cross, 4th Phase, Girinagar, near Seetha Circle, Bengaluru-560085, have changed my name from **AMARAM DEWASI** to **AMARA RAM** vide affidavit dated 08-01-2026 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VATHSALA PRABHU,** aged 61 years, W/o. Mr. **Udaya M N,** residing of No. 60, 1st Floor, 7th Main, 10th Cross, RBI Layout, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Bengaluru -560078, have changed my name from **SUMA BAI** to **VATHSALA PRABHU** vide affidavit dated 02-01-2026 sworn before Notary **DEEPA M.** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KUMAR VELAYUDAN,** presently R/at B.No. 148, Flat No. 101, Coconut Grove Hall 2nd Street, Bengaluru-560 008 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUKUMARAN NAIR THONDYIL** to KUMAR VELAYUDAN, henceforth I shall be known and called as **KUMAR VELAYUDAN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **S. KALAAI CHHELVIEY,** W/o. N. Shanmuganathan, aged about 65 years, residing at No.18, 1st Floor, BBMP New 4th Cross, R.Krishnappa Layout, Sulthanpalya Main Road, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru 560032 I have change Name From **KALAICHELVI. To S. KALAAI CHHELVIEY,** Date of Birth: 27.05.1960, Notary By **P Anuradha**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Lakshmi M Baliga, D/o V R Shenoy, aged about 68 years, R/at No: A-5, Tripura Nest, Between 6th and 7th Main, 11th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003, have changed my name from **Lakshmi M. Baliga** to **Mahalakshmi Mahesh,** vide affidavit dated 30/12/2025 sworn to before R S Vijay Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **NEELAKANDAN SUBRAMANIAM,** R/at Flat No. 302, 3rd Floor, SLV Galaxy Apartment, Old Mangammanapalya, Bommanahalli, Bangalore 560 068, hereby state that in my Minor Daughter's name MALARVIZHI's in school records the **1)** Father name is mentioned as **NEELAKANDAN S** instead of **NEELAKANDAN SUBRAMANIAM 2)** Mother name is mentioned as **REVATHI M** instead **REVATHI MANI** and her name is mentioned as **MALARVIZHI** instead of N. **MALARVIZHI,** Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 07-01-2026, before notary H.G. Venkataramu, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Gangaraju S/o Huchappa residing at No. 121, Kathriguppe Main Road, Siddhartha Layout, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560085 have changed my name from GANGARAJA to GANGARAJU vide affidavit dated 30.12.2025 sworn before Notary K S Bammappanavar.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sri A. KASI,** S/o Late Alaraj Gounder, age 62 years, R/at No. 60, 3rd Cross, Ganapathipura, Konanakunte Extension, Konanakunte, Bengaluru-560 062 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **A. KASI S/o Late Alaraj Gounder** and **KASHI .A S/o Late Ala Raj** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 12th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G.R. RAJANNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VISHNURAJ MUSSENAL BASAVARAJA NAIK,** S/o M.R. Basavaraja Naik, age 32 years, Date of Birth: 26.01.1993, R/at No. 42, 43, Sanniday 4th Cross, Verma Layout, Bhuvaneswari Nagar, Bengaluru-560 024 have changed my name to **VISHNU MUSSENAL BASAVARAJA NAIK,** vide affidavit dated 12.01.2026 before Notary **Gangaraju B.N.,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, GUDIVADA MYTHILI CHIDAMBAR, Presently residing at No.105, Balajinagar, Uttarahalli, Subramanyapura Post, Bengaluru-560061, Karnataka, India, do hereby declare that my name is changed from **GUDIVADA MYTHILI CHIDAMBAR** to **GUDIVADA MYTHILI NAIDU** vide affidavit dated 12-01-2026 sworn before notary H G PADMANABHA RAO, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ARCHANA ARORA, AADHAR NO.3421 3554 3842, W/o. Mr.Muniraju.C.R, Aged about 48 years, Residing at No.48, Kalparuksh, 2nd Main Road, Near Bannerghatta Road, Brundavana Layout, Arekere Mico Layout, Bangalore – 560 076, have changed my name from "ARCHANA" to "ARCHANA ARORA" The same was confirmed vide Notarized Affidavit, dt: 12/01/2026, sworn to before Notary public Mamatha.N.K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, PANDIYAN M. S/o Late Munirathinam, aged about 67 years, residing at No.42, Site No.174, 4th Cross, Kanakadasa Layout, Lingarajapuram, St. Thomas Town, Bengaluru -560 084, I declare that my original name is **PANDIYAN M,** as mentioned in Aadhaar Card. Since, I was serving Indian Army as COLONEL, during 2003, in my Driving Licence taken during 2003, my name is mentioned as Col. **PANDIYAN M.** Both names refer to me only. In future I will continue my name as **PANDIYAN M,** and this is confirmed by way of an Affidavit dated 12.01.2026 sworn to before Mr. R.S.VIJAY Notary Govt. of India

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SHAH FAISAL KIFAYATH ULLA, Residing at No. 22/12, 2nd Floor, 5th Main, Bismillah Nagar, Bannerghatta Road, D R C Post, Bangalore South, Karnataka, Bangalore 560029, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHAH FAISAL KIFAYATH ULLA** to **(NEW NAME) SHA FAISAL KIFAYATHULLA** vide affidavit dated 06.01.2026 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AMREEN,** W/o Athique Ahmed, aged 37 years, R/a No.4, 1st Floor, 5thCross, Muniveerappa Layout, Shampura, A C Post, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560045 have changed my name to **AMREEN TAJ** vide affidavit dt. 12/01/2026 before Notary **C.V. EARAPPA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MURTHY DIXIT** (Old Name) R/at No. A 202, ELEGANT EMBASSY NORTH. 2nd Floor Yelahanka Bangalore- 360064 have changed my name to **MURTHY DIWAKAR DIXIT** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 12/1/2026 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AJAY MOTWANI,** presently R/at # 4111, Phoenix One, Bangalore West, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Opp. Orion Mall, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **AJAY MOHAN MOTWANI** to **AJAY MOTWANI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **AJAY MOTWANI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA .C** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, Chethan D P s/o Sri prakash Murthi and smt Vijaya aged about 28 years R/o Doddabelavangala village and hobli Doddaballapura Taluk Bangalore Rural District Bangalore 561204 I have change my name from **Chetan D. P. To Chethan D. P.** Advocate and notary by **Anitha Bai**

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MOHAMMED PASHA SYED BASHEER, resident of No. 218, 17th 'B' Cross, B R I Calony, A D Halli, Bengaluru-560079, have changed my name to SYED BASHEER PASHA vide affidavit dated 12/01/2026 sworn before advocate and notary H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I. Vasanth Raju D S S/o Shivalinge Gowda, Aged about 35 years, residing at 19, Survey No 7/2, Subramanyapura Main Road, K R Hospital, Balaji Nagar, Bangalore South, Bengaluru Karnataka - 560061, have changed my name from **Vasantharaja D S** to **Vasanth Raju D S,** vide affidavit dated 12/1/2026 sworn to before before Aruna V Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

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'ON SET, HE WAS NEVER MY FATHER. HE WAS AN ACTOR'

... says Rithnya on sharing screen space with her father Vijay Kumar, stepping into the silver screen with Landlord, finding her own voice, and more

A SHARADHAA

I want to be honest to the silver screen, something my father has always done, and I believe the character brings value to the film

Rithnya, actor

FOR Rithnya Vijay, cinema was never a sudden calling. It was a big part of her life from her childhood. Conversations at home flowed from scripts to shoots, characters to performances. Watching her father, actor Vijay Kumar, live and breathe the craft quietly shaped her imagination long before she admitted it to herself. Now making her silver screen debut with *Landlord*, directed by Jadeshaa K Hampi, Rithnya Vijay finds herself sharing the frame not only with her father but also with Rachita Ram. The film also features Raj B Shetty in a negative shade, along with Rakesh Adiga, Shishir Baikady, Achyuth Kumar, Umashree, and Bhavana Rao. Speaking to CE, Rithnya begins, "It was when I was in my tenth standard that the thought of cinema started growing strong in me. But my father was initially hesitant. He wasn't very open to the idea of me or my sister getting into acting. During my college days, that urge became stronger, and I knew this was something I wanted to pursue seriously."

While Rithnya was in Mumbai undergoing acting training, the script of *Landlord* was taking shape. Jadeshaa, who knew about her preparation, felt she suited the role and offered her the opportunity. "It came at the right moment. I wasn't walking in blindly. I knew I had to bring value to the film. It was a beautiful character, and I didn't want to miss that chance." Being Vijay Kumar's daughter certainly opened doors, she admits with honesty. "His name definitely gave me a warm welcome, almost like a red carpet into the industry. I didn't face the kind of struggle he went through when he started. I feel blessed. But going forward, I know I have to be careful with my choices. At some point, I have to take over and carry out my own journey."

While her sister Monisha gets to work under their father's direction in City Lights, Rithnya's experience is different as she plays his daughter on screen in *Landlord*. "There was comfort on one side, but on the other, he was strict. I had to be perfect, and there was pressure. Once the camera started rolling, he was never my father, he was an actor, and that was a completely new experience for me." Set against a village backdrop, the film demanded a grounding in rural sensibilities. For Rithnya, that wasn't unfamiliar. "I've spent time at my grandparents' place in villages, so the environment wasn't strange. Even the language came naturally. But the subject Jadeshaa has written was new to me. I had many questions about the system and how people lived in those times. It became a learning curve. His writing is excellent." Seeing her father transform into Rachhayya left a deep impression. "When I saw him in that role, I literally felt he had lived that character. There was a vibration in his presence. It suited him so much. I felt I had seen such a person somewhere in a village." Sharing screen space with Rachita Ram was another delight. "She's so beautiful that I never imagined I'd be playing her daughter. I grew up watching her films. On set, we spoke a lot about the industry and handling work as a newcomer. I learned a lot from her." Her father's reaction to her debut remains quite emotional. "He doesn't express much in words. But I could see it in his eyes. They were teary, and that said everything." After living with the *Landlord* for over a year and a half, Rithnya hopes it marks a strong beginning. "I want to be honest to the silver screen, something my father has always done, and I believe the character brings value to the film." From her father, she carries one enduring lesson. "Be sincere, stay focused, give a hundred percent. If you're true to your work, something will push you forward." With her debut set to release on January 23, Rithnya has already signed her second film, Jawar, opposite Rishi, stepping into a journey she has long been preparing for.

Rithnya Vijay

Kannada cinema must keep growing stronger

Sudeep

The *Mark* hero launched the title of *Dear Husband*, which is directed by Gururaj Kulkarni and stars Suraj Gowda, Sharanya Shetty and Praveen.

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AFTER *The Judgement*, director Gururaj Kulkarni (Nadagowda) is moving forward with his next film on a positive note. He revealed the title and teaser of his upcoming film, *Dear Husband*, at an event featuring Kichcha Sudeep. This launch set the stage for what promises to be a youthful romantic crime-thriller, supported by G9 Communication and Media and Nirantara Productions.

The launch event of the film was attended by Industry professionals, including Kumar Bangarappa, Praveen Tej, composer V Harikrishna, and directors Shashank and AP Arjun, along with cricketers Vaishakh Vijaykumar and Rithesh. The upcoming film features Suraj Gowda, Sharanya Shetty, and Praveen in the lead roles. According to the makers, *Dear Husband* combines emotion, suspense, and modern themes. Beyond the title reveal, Sudeep's speech at the event also conveyed a deeper message about the Kannada film industry. He reflected on the encouragement he received early in his career, stating, "When we entered the industry as newcomers, many seniors guided us. Now it's our responsibility to do the same. Kannada cinema must keep growing stronger. I'm confident a fresh kind of film will come from this team."

For Suraj Gowda, *Dear Husband* represents a creative change. "A very good story is coming to the screen. This is a new kind of role for me, and the script is extremely strong," he shared. Sharanya Shetty feels the narrative reflects the mindset of today's youth. Playing Vasanthi, she noted, "It's a subject the younger generation will connect with. Roles like this rarely come, and I have high expectations for the film." Praveen, who takes on a significant role, expressed similar confidence, saying the story and characters will resonate with audiences. Producer Dr Nirantara Ganesh, making his second production after Iravan, described the film as a romantic-thriller made for contemporary viewers. He added that Gururaj's clarity and experience convinced him to support the project.

Gururaj Kulkarni called the film a long-held dream and shared the team's optimism: "For nearly a year and a half, we've nurtured this idea. With Sudeep's encouragement and a dedicated team, we're confident audiences will see something refreshingly different." With most of the pre-production complete, filming is set to begin later this month in Bengaluru, and later move to Goa, and other locations. Sachin Basru is handling the background music, while Veer Samarth takes care of the songs. Lyrics are penned by Pramod Maravante while Raghu Niduvalli is writing the dialogues. Cinematography is by Harsha Kumar Gowda, and editing is by BS Kemparaj. The makers are aiming for a year-end release.

Praveen, Sharanya Shetty and Suraj Gowda

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Kriti Verma makes her Kannada film debut with *Karikaada*

BOLLYWOOD actor and former Bigg Boss Hindi contestant Kriti Verma is all set to enter the Kannada film industry with Karikaada, directed by Gilli Venkatesh. Her appearance in the newly released song 'Ratuni Ratuni' introduces her to Kannada audiences and adds a fresh visual layer to the film's promotional campaign.

Karikaada had already drawn attention after the release of its title teaser, which positioned the film as a blend of adventure, music, and narrative-driven storytelling. The song release continues that momentum, offering a glimpse into the film's tonal variety while showcasing Kriti in a performance-driven number.

"This is my first Kannada film, and it has been a very positive experience," Kriti says. "I'm thankful to the team for trusting me with this opportunity. I hope the audience connects with the film, and I would love to work in more Kannada projects in the future."

Karikaada is produced under the Riddhi Entertainment banner by Deepthi Damodar, Kaad Nataraj's wife, with Ravi Kumar SR as co-producer.

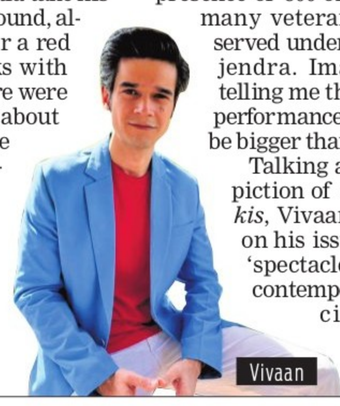
The film stars Kaad Nataraj in the lead role. Interestingly, Nataraj has also written the story. A former IT professional, he has steadily transitioned into cinema, and Karikaada reflects his ambition to tell rooted stories with accessible entertainment elements. He is joined by Bala Rajwadi and Yash Shetty in key roles.

BH HARSH

'Hindi cinema has learnt the wrong lessons from Hollywood'

THE general consensus about *Ikkis*, the recently released war drama, is that it's a surprising entry in the oeuvre of Sriram Raghavan, the maverick filmmaker who had carefully carved his niche as a master of noir with films like *Johnny Gaddaar* (2007), *Andhadhun* (2018), and *Badlapur* (2015). Vivaan Shah, who plays Captain Vijendra Malhotra in the film, assertively disagrees with the notion. He elaborates, "Sriram sir has grown up on genre cinema. The filmmakers he most admires — Samuel Fuller, Anthony Mann, Robert Aldrich, Sam Peckinpah — most of them were World War II combat veterans. They all primarily made B-movies, and eventually, they had a war film in them. From that perspective, *Ikkis* is a logical extension of Sriram sir's filmography."

Vivaan calls Sriram a very inclusive filmmaker who welcomes opinions. "Everyone feels like they're participating and contributing artistically. You never feel like you're just doing a job. *Sabki creativity jaag jaati hai*. (Everyone's creativity gets an awakening)." This is the first time Vivaan has played a character based on a real-life figure. While describing it as a responsibility, Vivaan recalls, "Sriram sir gave me a lot of material to play with. Vijendra was a brilliant strategist, adept at outwitting the enemy. He was a master of disguise. There was also a slight eccentric quality to him — how he would take his dog to the battleground, always wear a hat or a red scarf, or do pranks with his regiment. There were a lot of anecdotes about him, which made him such an interesting character." Vivaan recounts a particular incident that captured the magnitude of it. He recalls, "The first time I saw the entire film, it was at the Army premiere, in the presence of 800 officers. I met many veterans who had served under Captain Vijendra. Imagine them telling me they loved my performance. What could be bigger than that?"



Vivaan

Talking about the depiction of action in *Ikkis*, Vivaan ruminates on his issues with the 'spectacle' movies in contemporary Indian cinema. He says, "The action in those films is not done artistically; it's done to bombard the audience. It is artistically dishonest. We are taking all the wrong lessons from Hollywood. These Marvel films and the ilk, *mujhe sakht nafrat hai inse* (I hate them). They have made cinema into this kind of sensory overload spectacle." In comparison, Vivaan mentions how the action of *Ikkis* is artful in its choreography. He elaborates, "Every hit, explosion, or blood splatter has a dramatic impact, and a purpose. It's not there just for effect. Also, it makes you feel a sense of loss and violence." Vivaan also underlines why *Ikkis* is a much-needed movie for current times, as he notes, "The theme and sentiment of the film is about peace, harmony and humanity." At the same time, Vivaan also acknowledges the criticism the film received for its perspective.

ADOLESCENCE TO RETURN FOR SEASON 2?

STEPHEN Graham recently won the Golden Globe for Best Actor in a Limited Series for his performance in *Adolescence*. Reports state that Graham and his co-creator, Jack Thorne, are currently planning a second season for the show.

Speaking at the Golden Globe Awards, about the possibility of a second season, the actor said, "I cannot answer that question because it's somewhere in the deep recesses of my mind and Jack's mind, and we'll pull it out in three or four years, so stay tuned."

Owen Cooper also made history at the Golden Globe Awards as the youngest winner in the Best Supporting Actor for Television, for his performance in the show. *Adolescence*'s Erin Doherty also won the award for Best Supporting Actress for Television.